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SITUATION IN MEDITERRANEAN IS SERIOUS BUT NOT GRAVE: NO CAUSE FOR GLOOM OVER THE POSITION AT TOBRUK

WHILE THE GENERAL SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IS REGARDED AS SERIOUS, IT IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE GRAVE, Reuter's Military correspondent was told in authoritative military quarters in London.

GERMAN AND ITALIAN PROPAGANDA, it was pointed out, had been indulging in extravagancies. Both propaganda machines had talked of the withdrawal of the British and Imperial forces from Greece, but had made no mention of the announcement from Athens that fresh troops were being sent up to reinforce those already in position.

AUTHORITATIVE MILITARY QUARTERS IN LONDON SEE NO CAUSE FOR GLOOM OVER THE POSITION AT TOBRUK and it is emphasised that British forces there could fight their way out or be evacuated by sea if this were necessary.

SITUATION DISCUSSED

SECRET SESSION IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Apr. 15 (Reuter)—The military situation has been discussed at a secret session of the Egyptian Chamber of Deputies, it is learned.

The following statement was approved by the Chamber:

"After hearing the statement from Government with regard to the military situation in Libya and the Western Desert and its agreement with the British authorities concerning the measures to be taken to face the present position the House is glad to hear from Government that the present conditions cause no concern.

"The House is likewise glad to note the existence of a complete understanding between the Government and our ally on the matter."

GEN. SANTINI CAPTURED

LONDON, Apr. 15 (British Wireless)—General Gino Santini, whose capture in Abyssinia by South African forces had been reported, was in command of Somalia troops. Gen. Santini surrendered with 44 other officers and 280 Italian and native troops after being hunted by South African and other British forces as well as Abyssinian patriot units.

His small force, after suffering desertions and being harassed perpetually, was without ammunition or supplies and reduced to a miserable condition.

JAPANESE ENVOY TO FRANCE

TOKYO, April 15 (Reuter)—Mr. Sotomatsu Kato, the new Japanese Ambassador to France, left Tokyo this afternoon for his post, via Siberia, accompanied by his First Secretary, Viscount Seichi Motono. Mr. Kato was Minister-at-large to China.

Today's News Summary

ALTHOUGH SERIOUS, the situation in the Mediterranean is not considered to be grave according to military quarters in London. There is no cause for gloom over the position at Tobruk, it is added. General Wavell has ordered the withdrawal of all forces from the Western Desert to Mersa Matruh.

BRITISH AND ALLIED shipping losses due to enemy action are to be issued monthly instead of weekly as has been the practice since the war broke out.

AIRCRAFT OF THE Bomber Command carried out an attack on Brest on Monday night which lasted for four hours. Enemy convoy ships were also attacked. There was little enemy air activity over Britain.

THERE HAS BEEN MORE Press comment on the neutrality pact signed between the Soviet and Japan.

THE BRITISH MINISTER in Washington stated that the war at sea had reached a crucial point.

CRUCIAL PERIOD OF WAR AT SEA

TURNING POINT OF HISTORY

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter)—"The war is now in its decisive stage," stated the British Minister, MR. NEVILLE BUTLER, in a speech before the Continental Congress of Daughters of the American Revolution.

"If the mounting passion for liberty in Britain can be matched by the equal intensity of feeling here, then nothing which the might or craft of the enemy can do to us need cause us fear. Unless we can put into prosecution in this war an intensity of effort that will outdo the utmost the enemy can forge, we may well find ourselves faced with a task to which we are not equal."

TURNING POINT

Mr. Butler expressed the conviction that this year will be the turning point of American as well as British history.

"Germany, at least, is well aware that this is a gamble for all or nothing. Let there be no mistake elsewhere. This is undoubtedly a crucial period of the war at sea and if the Germans do not strangle us now, they never will."

Mr. Butler hoped that new freighters would leave United States yards in a few months' time "to build that vital bridge of ships without which landing and landing might be idle words."

WAVELL'S ORDER

WITHDRAWAL TO MERSA MATRUH

NEW YORK, Apr. 15 (Reuter)—The British Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East, General Sir Archibald Wavell, has ordered all his forces in the Western Desert to withdraw to their defences at Mersa Matruh, a stronghold on the Egyptian coast, east of Sidi Barrani, and about 175 miles west of Alexandria, according to the Ankara correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting System last night.

British forces would not try to defend Sidi Barrani, he added.

The Germans in Libya are reported to be using three panzer (armoured) divisions, while German quarters claim that four British motorised divisions are in Tobruk.

Latest reports, he stated, indicate that the Germans are massing tank columns at Florina for a determined attack.

EVACUATE KORITZA

A communiqué issued in Athens says that, as a result of the occupation of Southern Yugoslavia by German forces and the consequent opening of the passes which lead from Yugoslav territory to the banks and rear, the Greek Army on the Northern Albanian front was ordered, for operational reasons, to withdraw and evacuate the Koritza region.

The enemy discovered the withdrawal 24 hours after it had begun and sought in vain to hinder it by pushing forward motor-cyclists. "We" captured several dozen of them.

On the rest of the Albanian front, the enemy carried offensive actions at different points, but was everywhere repulsed. We took nearly 100 prisoners.

NAZI PRISONERS

A number of German prisoners have reached Athens and taken to concentration camps. On being taken to the dormitory already occupied by Italian officers, they all expressed a fervent wish to be lodged elsewhere.

ITALIAN CLAIMS

The occupation of Knin in Yugoslavia by Italian forces, is claimed in an Italian communiqué.

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Bomber Command Raid Naval Base At Brest For Four Hours

LONDON, Apr. 15 (BWS)—An Air Ministry communiqué states: "A strong force of aircraft of the Bomber Command bombed the naval base at BREST last night."

"The attack which lasted for about four hours began in cloudy weather. Later, the sky was clearer, and though darkness made observation of results difficult, both the battle cruisers, the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau, were seen to be still in their berths."

"Hundreds of heavy bombs were dropped in the dock areas and bursts were seen which appeared to be either on or near the ships but it was impossible to confirm direct hits."

"In daylight yesterday, aircraft of the same Command attacked enemy shipping off the Dutch coast and a number of objectives inland."

"A convoy of supply ships, with an escort of fighters and naval patrol vessels, was sighted and attacked by a number of aircraft from low level both with bombs and machinegun fire."

POOR VISIBILITY

"In some instances, poor visibility prevented observation of results but a supply ship of about 4,000 tons was hit and left with clouds of steam escaping."

"Power stations at Haarlem and Leyden were hit by several bombs. The wireless station near Leyden was bombed and one of its pylons collapsed. Troops guarding the station were machine-gunned."

"The crew of a gun emplacement near Zandvoort were also machine-gunned."

"In the course of these daylight operations, enemy fighter patrols were encountered but these failed to prevent our bombers from pressing home attacks."

"From all these operations by day and night one of our aircraft is missing."

M. GREEN ON PACT

RUSSIA CONCERNED AT EXTENSION OF WAR IN BALKANS: JAPAN'S FEAR OF UNITED STATES

What Soviet Statesmen Have Not Forgotten

"MR. MATSUOKA, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, is now leisurely journeying back to Japan with a Pact with RUSSIA in his pocket. He has been able to obtain, in three or four days, something at least of what JAPAN has been trying to get since last OCTOBER. That is a most significant fact," said MR. O. M. GREEN, Far Eastern Editor of Reuter's and formerly of Shanghai, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the new agreement reached between Japan and the Soviet.

SOVIET-JAPAN RELATIONS

MORE FAVOURABLE ATTITUDE HOPED FOR IN TOKYO

TOKYO, April 15 (Reuter)—"I hope that the Soviet attitude toward Japan will become favourable," said Mr. Koh Ishii, deputy spokesman of the Information Board at a Press conference when questioned regarding the future relations between Russia and the Chungking Government, vis a vis the Neutrality Pact between Japan and Russia.

Asked whether the Soviet supply of war materials to Chungking constituted a violation of neutrality, Mr. Ishii replied that that was a question which must be discussed in the future.

"The question has not been directly referred to in the Neutrality Pact, but I hope that the Soviet attitude toward Japan will improve following the conclusion of the new treaty."

BIG POINT

The big point of the new treaty, the spokesman stated, is the implication of the Soviet recognition of Manchukuo, but the biggest one is that neutrality is to be observed by the signatory Powers, while the term "inviolability" has been used in the treaty instead of "non-aggression."

The Government will ratify the pact as quickly as possible, probably before Mr. Matsuoka returns to Tokyo.

The full text of the Pact will be published following ratification, though the text and outline published on Sunday night are said to be practically the same in substance. The text is written in Japanese and Russian, which is both authoritative.

FULL COUNCIL JURISDICTION MAY RETURN

SHANGHAI, April 15 (Reuter)—Because the proposed setup of the Municipal Council has been seconded by Japan, a better all-round situation is now hoped for in the International Settlement, which may lead to the return of the full Council jurisdiction over the Japanese occupied northern part of the Settlement (Hongkew and Yangtze-poo), claims the SHANGHAI EVENING POST quoting an S.M.C. official.

The obstacle to the restoration of normal conditions, however, is what confused by figures which are paradoxically incomplete because of the effort to reduce to a minimum the delay in their publication.

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SECRET CLAUSES SUGGESTIONS

REMARKABLE FOR OMISSIONS SAYS THE TIMES

LONDON, April 15 (Reuter)—It will not be surprising, says THE TIMES' Diplomatic correspondent, if reports suggesting secret clauses in the Japanese-Soviet Neutrality Pact were true.

Certainly, the clauses as published, are remarkable for their omissions. They had no word about the Three-Power Pact.

How does Japan's new promise of neutrality with Russia fit in with her military alliance with the Axis? Nor is there any word about China. Will the Soviet help to Chungking continue? or has Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek fallen from grace since he had to take action against the communist army group under his command?

IN ANY CASE

Suggestions by Japanese newspapers that Moscow has promised to join in trying to end the war in China may mean nothing in themselves; they would be put out in any case.

More ominous is the Soviet comment. With the echo—which cannot be accidental—of Japanese declarations of "Japan's historic mission in the Far East" the PRAVDA yesterday stated that the development of both countries made it imperative for them to be good neighbours "and not to hinder each other in the realisation of their historic task."

The Times' correspondent concludes that all that can be said for certain is that Russia and Japan thought it profitable to make a public gesture of friendship—Japan because with German encouragement, she wishes to be free for her southern adventures or menaces; Russia because she wishes her blockade to be a little safer in case she has to face heavier demands or subtler tricks from Germany.

Shipping Losses To Be Issued Monthly Not Weekly

LONDON, April 15 (BWS)—Many reasons have contributed to the decision to issue monthly instead of weekly figures of losses of merchant shipping by enemy action.

The weekly issue had been continued because it was felt that the advantage of telling the world the truth was outweighed by a possible assistance which the enemy might obtain in the way of information, but now more essential than ever, that the enemy should be kept in the dark as to the possible proportion of losses due to submarine, air attack or mine and the slightest deduction he might make from weekly figures might have some effect on the "battle of the Atlantic" now ceaselessly raging.

Another consideration is that the sea areas covered are now so wide that it has been found impossible to obtain figures in time to make the weekly losses comprehensive.

The number of corrections which have to be included regarding the figures of the previous weeks has increased to such an extent as to make these announcements appear misleading and give the enemy propagandist an opportunity to claim British figures internationally inaccurate when later figures have made revision necessary.

At the same time it is felt that the British public has been somewhat confused by figures which are paradoxically incomplete because of the effort to reduce to a minimum the delay in their publication.

REVERSE EFFECT

General consideration is the fact that small losses in one week may produce undue optimism, while large losses have the reverse effect, although actual figures need the study of over a much longer period to make the meaning understandable in its true perspective.

April figures will be given in the middle of May, so that a complete record can be obtained and published. British practice will still be well ahead of German which prefers to keep their own people in total ignorance of their own shipping losses, whereas the British monthly figures will be a trustworthy guide to the progress of the campaign to overcome the Nazi sea menace.

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ROTARY CLUB TIFFIN:

INTERIOR PROVINCES OF CHINA ENJOYING BENEFITS OF MODERN MEDICINE AS A RESULT OF WAR

Modern medicine, until a few years ago confined to the big cities and coastal towns, has as a result of the war become fairly well established throughout the interior provinces of China and an emphasis on preventive medicine has in the past summer kept the interior almost free of disease of epidemic proportions, stated Dr. F. C. Yen, founder of the National Medical College and Chungshan Memorial Hospital and a personality of eminence in medical circles in China, when he addressed the Hongkong Rotary Club tiffin meeting yesterday.

Socialized or State medicine, a subject of much intense study and discussion in Europe and America in recent years, is as near achievement in China as could be possible in a country where the medical register holds but some 10,000 names and there are barely 8,000 graduate nurses, Dr. Yen said. State medicine, important in that it urges a greater interest among practitioners in preventive medical work, is being practiced in China on some scale, the State seeking to assume the responsibility for the health of the community.

In Chungking, in the past summer, Dr. Yen quoted an example, 300,000 people were inoculated against cholera, and health centres in every city and extending into every hilly in some provinces were giving all essential aid to better health that are possible with limited means. With many medical schools moved into the interior, a vigorous medical training programme was being conducted in new centres, three schools being in operation in Chengtu, three in Chungking, and several elsewhere.

PROHIBITIVE COST

With limited staff and equipment, it has been found practical to train especially a medical personnel of lower type, Dr. Yen said, able to cope with the more simple problems of maintenance of health. With the cost of drugs imported from foreign countries as prohibitive as it now is, vaccines are now being produced to serve much of the need that exists. A survey of the essential drugs required in preventive work made early in the war revealed that 60 of a list of 100 different drugs complied could be manufactured in China, and an attempt is being made to establish a drug-manufacturing plant.

"If medicine is to reach the mass of the people we must try to seek a maximum medical value at a minimum cost," Dr. Yen said, "and an ounce of preventive medicine is worth a pound of cure. Typhoid patients, for example, are normally hospitalised about six weeks and complications may arise that will invalid them for life. A preventive vaccination will save all this."

MASS INOCULATION

At the beginning of the war cholera epidemics were raging all over China. Last summer, mass inoculation prevented the appearance of this disease in epidemic form.

In the Central Government's campaign to safeguard the national health, stress is laid on practical service, Dr. Yen said, and there are in the field today a hundred anti-epidemic units, mobile in character, which may be at short notice despatches to wherever an epidemic threatens. Stress is laid also on child and maternity welfare and small hospitals are being set up, of 50 beds, wherever circumstances make it possible.

All this, however, is but a drop in the ocean, Dr. Yen said, and represented an attempt to set a standard urging the establishment of similar units and hospitals by the various Provincial Health Administrations. The standards were being followed by the provinces, and in Szechuan for example, where the Provincial Health Administration was only established

PROGRAMME FOR FOURTH EXTRA MEET

The following is the programme for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, April 28—

1.—2 p.m.—Taimoshan H'cap.—Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies. "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In (About 1 Mile 171 Yards).

2.—2.30 p.m.—Canterbury Park Stakes.—Winner \$1,250. Second \$600. Third \$350. For Australian Ponies. Grifins of this Season. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

NOTE.—Ponies that are entered for this race are barred from entering for the Charters Towers Stakes, Race No. 4.

3.—3 p.m.—St. George's Plate.—Presented with \$1,500 added for Winner. Second \$600. Third \$300. A Handicap for China Ponies, "B" Class. Ponies to be ridden by Jockeys who have won at least 10 Official flat races anywhere, or Jockeys approved by the Stewards. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

4.—3.30 p.m.—Charters Towers Stakes.—Winner \$1,250. Second \$600. Third \$350. For Australian Ponies. Grifins of this Season. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

NOTE.—Ponies that are entered for this race are barred from entering for the Canterbury Park Stakes, Race No. 2.

5.—4 p.m.—Broken Hill H'cap.—First Section.—Winner \$800. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Ponies. "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

NOTE.—One Entry only will be made for the Broken Hill H'cap (Races Nos. 5 and 10). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

6.—4.30 p.m.—Koala Stakes.—First Section.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$500. Third \$300. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Winner barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

NOTE.—One Entry only will be made for the Koala Stakes (Races Nos. 6 and 8). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections by a Draw.

7.—5 p.m.—St. Kilda Stakes.—First Section.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$500. Third \$300. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Limit to penalty: 17 lb. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

NOTE.—One Entry only will be made for the St. Kilda (Races Nos. 7 and 9). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections by a Draw.

8.—5.30 p.m.—Koala Stakes.—Second Section.—(See Race No. 6).
9.—6 p.m.—St. Kilda Stakes.—Second Section.—(See Race No. 7).
10.—6.30 p.m.—Broken Hill H'cap.—Second Section.—(See Race No. 5).

E. C. FINCHER AND HUNG ENTER SEMI-FINAL OF OPEN TENNIS DOUBLE

With an easy passage by straight sets over PAUL KONG and FUNG YEE-PUI at the Stand Court yesterday W. C. HUNG and E. C. FINCHER qualified to meet the ex-holders, Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yai-pui, in the semi-final of the doubles in the Open Tennis Tournament.

The game yesterday was, much below expectation, Hung and Fincher winning by 6-1, 6-1.

Rallies were few and far between and in the few that were seen the losers were eclipsed by the superior volleying of their opponents. There were also too many gaps in the losing pair and, again, such a seasoned combination as the winners, these were not hard to find.

DEADLY AT NET

Hung was very deadly at the net and his "killing" gained a crop of points. Fung never really appeared confident at any stage and was very erratic while Kong's stro. best department was his service.

There was nothing of note in the first set, the winners annexing it after the loss of the second game. The second set, however, started with a different complexion. With Kong sending over several "aces" and Fung striking a bright patch, the losers ran into a lead of 4-1. This effort seemed to prove too much for them and they lost the next five in a row.

Fincher and Hung were runners-up in 1937 while Fincher entered the final in 1932, 1933, 1934 (with L. Goldman) and Hung was runner-up with Ho Ka-lau in 1935.

CLUB RESULTS

The following were the results of Club matches:—
Singles: R. E. Guest beat T. C. Monaghan 6-1, 6-2.

S'HAU VISITORS CUP GOLF

COMPETITION WON BY F. D. HUNTER

The Shanghai Visitors' Cup competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was played at Fanling on Sunday and was won by F. D. Hunter (1) who returned a net score of 152 for 36 holes on the Old Course. Identical scores were also returned by D. I. Bosanquet (18) and A. B. Purves (9) but the prize went to Hunter who had the best score on the last 18 holes.

The prize for the best morning round went to D. J. Bosanquet with 72 and G. W. Reeve took the prize for the afternoon round with 75.

Complete scores follow:—F. D. Hunter (1) 75, 77=152; D. I. Bosanquet (18) 72, 80=152; A. B. Purves (9) 74, 78=152; G. W. Reeve (14) 79, 74=153; A. D. Humphreys (11) 79, 75=154; A. J. Dennis (7) 77, 78=155; W. W. C. Shewan (8) 75, 81=156; G. M. Park (8) 80, 77=157; A. M. Kellar (7) 79, 78=157; J. B. Mackie (8) 82, 76=158; W. J. A. Mackenzie (16) 82, 73=155; J. J. van Muihlen (20) 75, 83=158; Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews (16) 76, 83=159; J. Linaker (15) 77, 83=160.

ADAMSON CUP

G. W. Sewell with a score of 81-12=99 qualified for the Adamson Cup for April.

BOMBER COMPETITION

Capt J. Reidy won the play-off for the Third S. C. M. Post (Bomber Fund) Competition.

HOME FOOTBALL, RUGBY RESULTS

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The following were the results of football matches played yesterday:

LONDON CUP

Brentford 4, Queen's P.R. 2; Crystal Pal. 1, Aldershot 0; Tottenham 2, Reading 2.

LEAGUE, SOUTH

Brighton 8, Southampton 3; Norwich 4, Luton 1; Portsmouth 1, Southend 2.

REGIONAL, SOUTH

Chelsea 3, Arsenal 1; Westham 2, Watford 0; Millwall 0, Fulham 0; Northampton 7, Stoke 0.

REGIONAL, NORTH

Barnsley 1, York 8; Bolton 0, Burnley 2; Everton 2, Blackpool 2; Halifax 3, Blackburn 3; Leeds U. 2, Bury 2; Manchester C. 1, Manchester U. 7; Rochdale 0, Oldham 4; Rotherham 3, Huddersfield 1; Sheffield W. 3, Sheffield U. 1; Southport 2, Liverpool 0; Stockport 5, Bradford C. 2; Preston 3, Chester 0.

REGIONAL MATCHES

Mansfield 5, Bradford 1; Chesterfield 3, Notts C. 0; Leicester 1, Lincoln 1; Newcastle 3, Sunderland 4; Wrexham 5, Stoke 2; Doncaster 1, Lincoln 2.

RUGBY MATCHES

The following were the results of Easter Monday Rugby:
Bath 13, Army XV 11; Cardiff 3, Pontypool 8; North Command 44, Eastern Command 9; Wasps 6, Hayden Tanners Welsh XV 8.

LEAGUE

Keighley 2, Huddersfield 23; Halifax 70, Featherstone 2; York 17, Castleford 5.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Bradford Northern 28, Wigan 9.

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 26th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 17th April 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

HOCKEY.—Entries close for Hongkong Hockey Association's Six-a-Side Tournament.

SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Practice (5.30-8.30 p.m.).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships. Open Doubles, Semi-final: Ho Ka-lau and K.H. Yip v. S.A. and H.D. Rumjahn (Stand Court).

TOMORROW

BILLIARDS.—Y.M.C.A. Billiards Section Meeting, 6.30 p.m.

RACING.—Entries close for Hongkong Jockey Club's Fourth Extra Race Meeting, 12 noon.

SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A.

Swimming Practice (5.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships. Open Doubles, Semi-final: Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui or W.C. Hung and E.C. Fincher v. Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yai-pui (Stand Court) Club Championship: C.H.R. Oxlade v. F.W. Carter (4); T.C. Monaghan or R.E. Guest v. M. Pagh (8).

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Swimming and Water-polo Practice (5.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships. Open Singles, Semi-final: H.D. Rumjahn v. Tsui Yai-pui (Stand Court).

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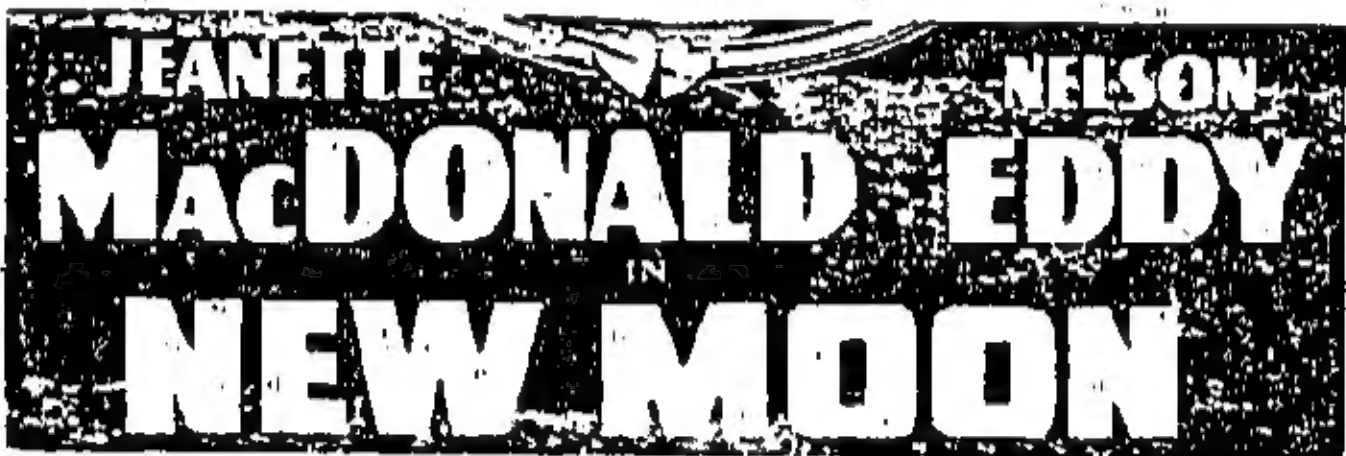
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STUDIO TALK WITH EXCERPTS
FROM FAMOUS PLAYS

Two-Plane Recital.
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-
cession.
12.30 Gerald and His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—On 'The Sentimental
Side' (film 'Dr. Rhythm'); Fox-Trot—
My Heart is taking lessons (film 'Dr.
Rhythm'); Tango—Moonlight Kisses;
Foxtrot—Fox-Trot—It's a Lovely
(from 'The Fleet's in Up'); I Hadn't
anyone till you. Rumba—The Lady
in Red (film 'I Gaiete'). Quickstep
—My Man (film 'Rose of Washington
Square'); Waltz—There's Danger in
the Waltz (from 'The Little Dog
Laughed').

1.00 Local Time Signal.
1.01 John Goss (Baritone) and
Cathedral Male Voice Quartet in Sea
Shanties.
Storm Along: Roll the Wood-Pile
Down; Nouse Irons A Valparaiso;
Schicamuni Sta Lampd. Sally
Brown; Hanging Johnny; Whisky
Johnny.

1.12 Light Orchestral Selections.
Love in Idleness—Serenade (Mac-
beth)—Court Symphony Orch. Chi-
nese Night Watch (Sledge); Petersburg
Sleigh-Ride Party (Ellenberg)—Otto
Dorndt and His Concert Orchestra.
Bolero (Ravel); Entrance of the Little
Fauns (Pierle)—Jack Payne and His
B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

1.30 Renter and Rugby Press and
Announcements.
1.45 Variety.

Vocal—Long About Midnight (Hill).
Swing Is The Thing (from 'Black-
birds of 1936')—The Mills Brothers
(Four Boys and a Guitar). Banjo—
Medley. Intro: Is it true what they
say about Dixie; When a lady meets
a Gentleman down South, etc.—Tara-
rant Balley with Orchestra. Vocal—
A Little Rumble in Springtime With
You (Saxony and Others); Trust in
Me (Ager and Others)—Greta Keller
w. Orch. Two Planes—Passepied. In-
tro: Scherzo from Sylvia (Delibes)—
Alleyne-Leonhardt; Destiny—Waltz
(Baynes)—Alleyne-Leonhardt; Car-
avan (Ellington)—The Mills Brothers.

2.15 Close down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Dance Music.

Swing Fox-Trots—Melody in Riff;
Monotony—Eddie Carroll and His
Swing Music. Fox-Trot—The Lady on
the Second Floor; Quickstep—It's In
The Air (from the film)—Brian Law-
rance and His Lansdowne Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Wings over the Navy
(from the film); The Old Tin Helmet
—The Organ. The Dance Band and
Me. Waltzes—Charmaine; What'll I
Do—Josephine Bradley and Her Ball-
room Orchestra. Fox-Trot—I Can't
Get You Out Of My Mind—Harry
Roy and His Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—From 'The Old
Country'.

Talk by Bernard Wetherall.
7.30 Selections from Light Oper-
a 'The Gypsy Princess'—Selection
(Kaiman)—De Groot and The New
Victoria Orchestra. "The Three
Waltzes (Oscar Strauss after Johann
Strauss); Ouf Je T'Aime O Paris. Je
T'Aime—Yvonne Printemps (Soprano)
w. Orch. and Chorus. "The Miracle"
—Selection (Humperdinck)—London
Symphony Orchestra. "Floradora"
—Tell Me Pretty Maiden (Leslie Stuart)
—Victor Mixed Chorus with Instr.
Acc.

8.00 Local Time Signal and An-
nouncements.
8.02 Studio—Two Piano Recitals by
Eddie and Michael Border (By cour-
tesy of the Parisian Grill).

1. Poet and Peasant Overture
(Suppe). 2. In A Persian Market

HEMINGWAYS IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Apr. 15 (Central)
—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heming-
way, noted American journalists,
who arrived in Chungking a few
days ago, were guests of honour
at a tea reception yesterday after-
noon given jointly by nine cultural
organisations, including the Chi-
nese Institute of Journalism, the
Chinese People's Foreign Rela-
tions Association, the China
Branch of the International Peace
Campaign and the Chinese Amer-
ican Institute of Culture Rela-
tions.

About 320 prominent Chinese
leaders were present. Among them
were Dr. H.H. Kung, Vice-Pres-
ident of the Executive Yuan, and
Minister of Finance, General Chen
Ming-shu, Chairman of the Chi-
nese People's Foreign Relations
Association, and Mr. T. T. Hsiao,
Director of the Central News
Agency.

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

16—Tides: High 1.04 a.m. and
12.07 p.m. Low 5.32 a.m. and 7.12 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.03 a.m.; Sunset: 6.43 p.m.
Claims against Estate of late Mr.
John Lewis due.

H.K. and Shanghai Hotels Annual
Meeting, Exchange Building, 11.30
a.m.

Entries Close for Six-a-Side Hockey
Tournament.

Laying of foundation Stone of
Science Building at H.K. University,
Pokfulam, 5 p.m.

University Court Meeting, Fung
Ping Shan Library, 5.30 p.m.

Film Show at S. & S. Home, 6.30
p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Committee
Mtg., 8.30 p.m.

Film Show at S. & S. Home, 8.30
p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.),
Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

17—Tides: High 2.14 a.m. and
12.54 p.m. Low 6.07 a.m. and 8.13 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.02 a.m.; Sunset: 6.44 p.m.
Black-Out Exercise, 6.44 p.m. to 10
p.m.

Lecture: Absolute Music and Pro-
gramme Music, Chinese Y.M.C.A.
Kowloon, 7.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's War Work (Medical),
10 a.m.

Cheero Club Bridge and Ma-jong.
Crown Land Sale, Land office, Ping
Shan, 11.30 a.m.

Y's Men's Club Tiffin, St. Francis
Hotel, 1 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester
Hotel, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula
Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Entries Close for H.K. Jockey Club's
Fourth Extra Meet, noon.

18—Tides: High 3.54 a.m. and 1.57
p.m. Low 6.44 a.m. and 9.37 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.01 a.m.; Sunset: 6.45 p.m.
K.C.C. Play "Boy Meets Girl" in
aid of Bomber Fund and B.W.O.F.

Exhibition of Paintings in aid of
War Charities, St. John's Cathedral.
Intercession Service at St. Andrew's
Church, 6.30 p.m.

H.K. Chamber Music Club Concert,
University Great Hall, 9.15 p.m.

Cheero Club Darts and Table Ten-
nis.

19—Tides: High 5.07 a.m. and 3.17
p.m. Low 7.37 a.m. and 10.54 p.m.
Sunrise: 6 a.m.; Sunset: 6.45 p.m.
K.C.C. Play "Boy Meets Girl" in
aid of Bomber Fund and B.W.O.F.

Exhibition of Paintings in aid of
War Charities, St. John's Cathedral.
Governor's Cup Football Match,
H.K.F.C., 4 p.m.

20—Tides: High 6.23 a.m. and 4.46
p.m. Low 8.47 a.m. and 11.54 p.m.
Sunrise: 6 a.m.; Sunset: 6.46 p.m.

21—Tides: High 7.14 a.m. and 6.02
p.m. Low 11.44 a.m.

Sunrise: 5.59 a.m.; Sunset: 6.46 p.m.
Lecture: Music and Life, Chinese
Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, 7.30 p.m.

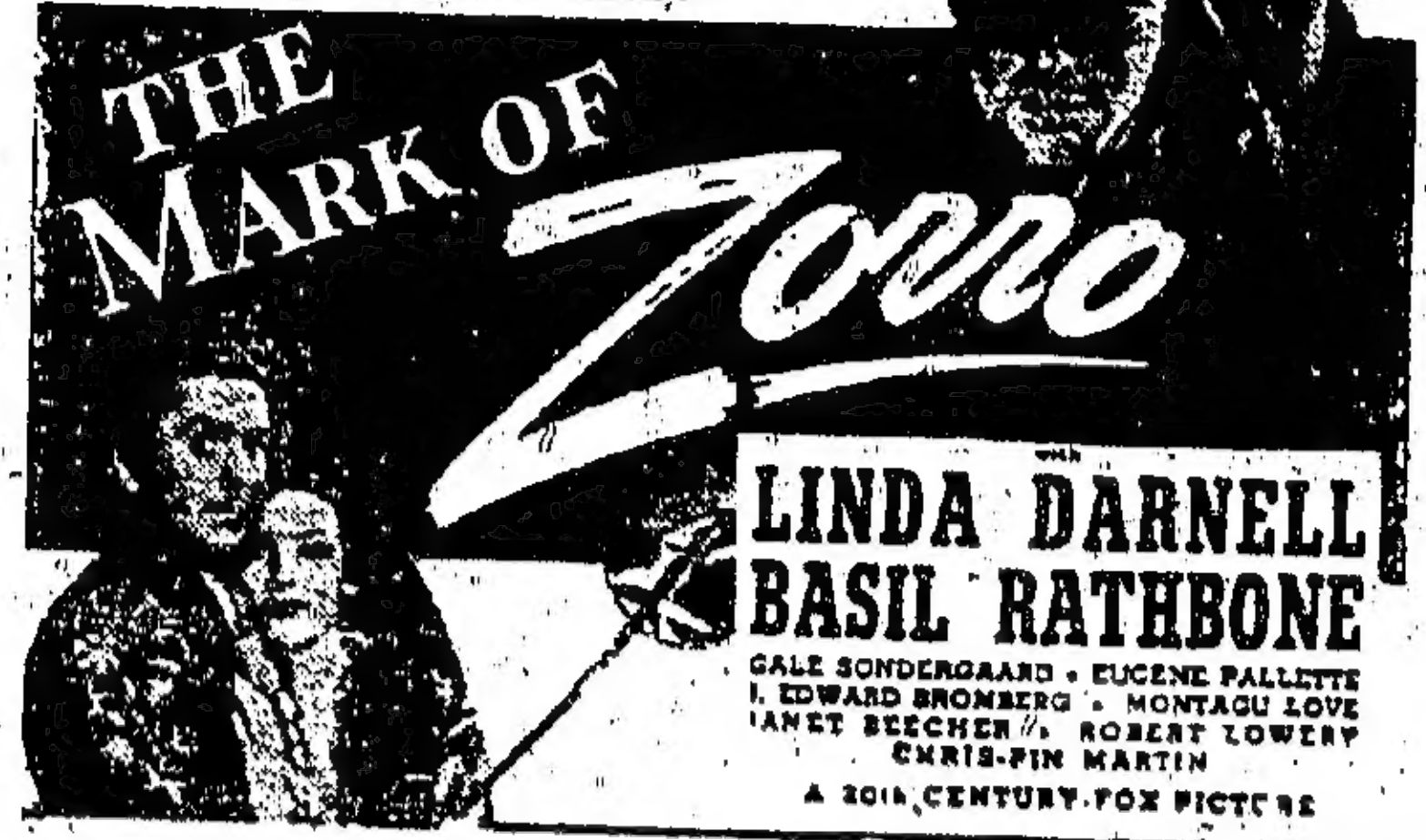
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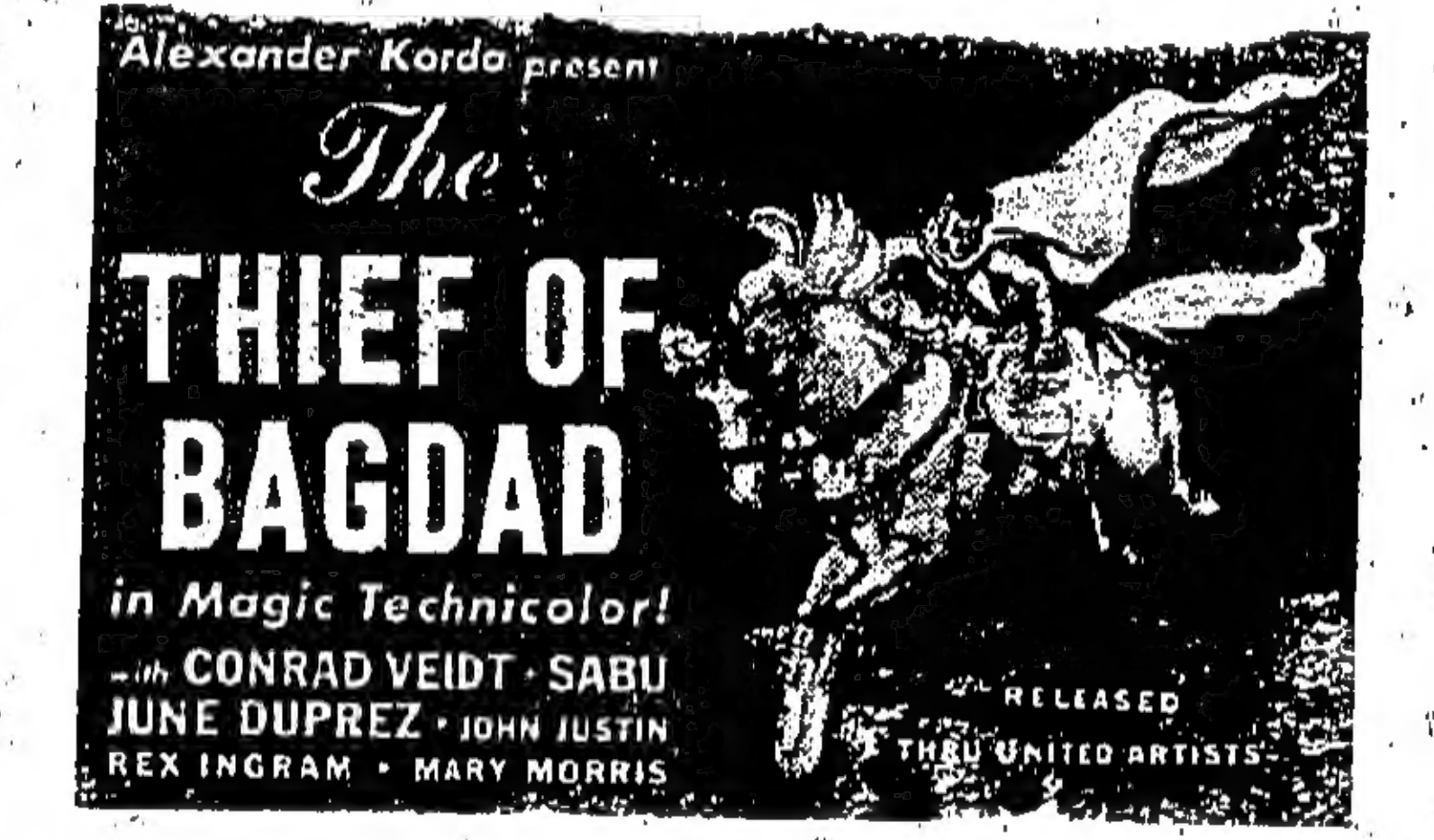
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Significance Of The Japan, Soviet Pact Overestimated

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—"The significance of the pact between the Soviet Union and Japan relating to neutrality, as reported in the press today, could be overestimated," declared the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in a formal statement yesterday.

"The agreement would seem to be descriptive of the situation which has in effect existed between the two countries for some time past.

INDIAN CASTE PROBLEM**JINNAH CLARIFIES MUSLIM ATTITUDE**

MADRAS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Muslims will never agree to any constitution for the whole of India providing for one government at the centre, declared Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, speaking at the League's annual meeting.

He advocated the "establishment of completely independent states" in the north-west and eastern zones of India with full control over defence, finance and foreign affairs.

He declared that Muslims were an independent nationality and that any attempt to get them to merge into a national and political identity with the rest of the population would be resisted. One government at the centre would mean Hindu communal rule.

The Muslim League's policy, he added, was to promote good will and harmony on the basis of equality, fair play and reciprocity.

"It therefore comes as no surprise although there has existed a doubt whether the two Governments would or would not agree to say it in writing.

"The policy of this Government, of course, remains unchanged."

Mr. Hull departed from his usual practice at a press conference by issuing a formal statement in this connexion.

NO SURPRISE

CHUNGKING, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—News of the Soviet-Japanese pact did not come as a surprise here since the Chinese firmly believed that the main object of Mr. Matsuo's trip to Europe was the conclusion of an agreement with Moscow.

The question uppermost in all minds here is whether the pact will affect Russian assistance to China in her war against Japan.

Clarification on this point and future Soviet action in this connexion are anxiously awaited.

EASTERN FRONTIERS

Opinion is generally expressed that the Soviet has concluded the pact mainly for the purpose of ensuring the security of her eastern frontiers to devote full attention to the European war which is spreading rapidly to her doorsteps.

It is also declared here that any conflict between the United States and Japan would be to the advantage of Russia.

NAZI TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN THE MONASTIR AREA BOMBED AND STRAFED**"NUISANCE" RAIDERS****NAVAL UNITS DOWN TWO BOMBERS**

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—German aircraft flying singly have dropped bombs at several widely separated places in various parts of England during daylight yesterday.

Casualties were very few and though damage was done at some points it was nowhere very great.

An Air Ministry communique also states that machine-gun attacks were made at some points but were entirely ineffective.

One enemy bomber was destroyed in North Wales on Sunday night.

PLANES v. SHIPS

Another message states that two German bombers have been shot down by British and French naval units.

Early on Monday morning a Heinkel fell to the British trawler, King's Tonamber, while a Junkers nosed-dived into the sea after attacking and meeting a sharp rejoinder from a French submarine chaser on Saturday.

Neither vessel sustained casualties or damage.

JAPAN-SOVIET DECLARATION**NEUTRALITY PACT DEROGATORY TO CHINA**

CHUNGKING, Apr. 15 (Central).—Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, issued today the following statement concerning the joint declaration by the U.S.S.R. and Japan at the conclusion of the Neutrality Pact on April 13.

"At the time of the signature of the Neutrality Pact on April 13 the U.S.S.R. and Japan issued a joint declaration wherein Japan undertook to respect the territorial integrity of the so-called 'People's Republic of Mongolia' and the Soviet Union undertook to respect the territorial integrity and inviolability of the so-called 'Empire of Manchukuo'."

"It is an indisputable fact that the four North-eastern Provinces and Outer Mongolia are an integral part of the Republic of China and always remain Chinese territory."

"The Chinese Government and people cannot recognise any engagements entered into by third parties which are derogatory to China's territorial and administrative integrity and wish to state that the Soviet-Japanese declaration just announced has no binding force whatsoever upon China."

NAZI UNITS IN CYRENEICA HARASSED BY THE R.A.F.

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. continued on Sunday to harass German troops hammering at the gateways to Egypt and Greece.

Both bombers and fighters were employed in dispersing enemy concentrations in various areas in Cyrenaica. Successful bombing and machine-gunning attacks were also made on enemy motor transport convoys astride the German road communications between Misus and Solium.

Bombers carried out a large number of sorties against enemy columns on the roads in the theatres of operations in Greece and, according to an R.A.F. communique, "direct hits were obtained on these columns by most of our aircraft."

IN ALBANIA

Fighters intercepted a number of enemy bombers, escorted by fighters, in the Koritza area. One Fiat monoplane fighter was destroyed and a number of others were damaged.

A Messerschmitt twin-engined fighter was shot down west of Mount Olympus by an R.A.F. fighter.

On Sunday night, long-range R.A.F. bombers winged their way to the Central Mediterranean and bombed the harbour of Tripoli the base for German reinforcements to the African war front. Shipping was straddled and one large vessel was seen to be burning fiercely.

A power station and Customs house were also attacked.

EAST AFRICA

South African Air Force planes cleaning up the last nests of enemy aircraft in Italian East Africa made another successful raid on Kombolcha aerodrome in Abyssinia. Two enemy bombers were burnt out and several other fighters and bombers were damaged. Explosions were caused.

A number of bombs were dropped on Malta in a combined fighter-bomber raid on Saturday night but caused no serious damage.

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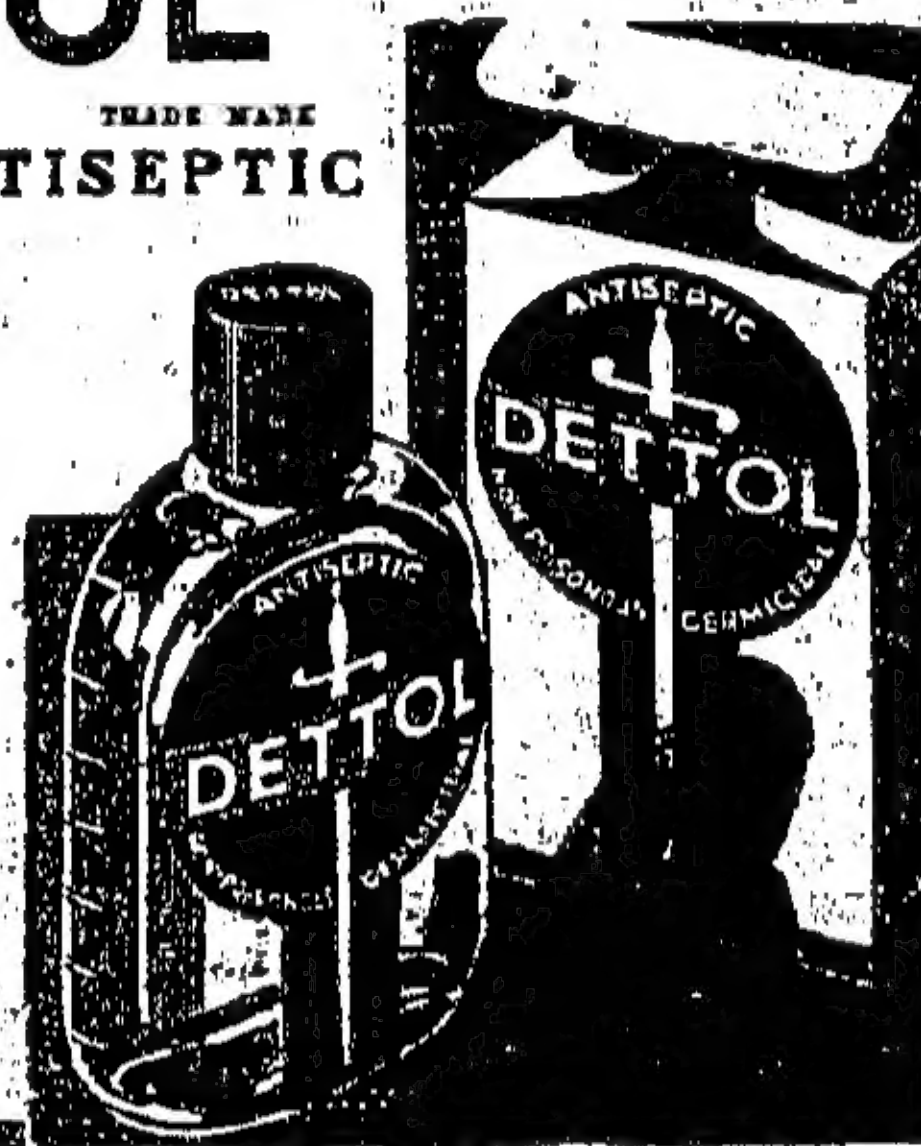
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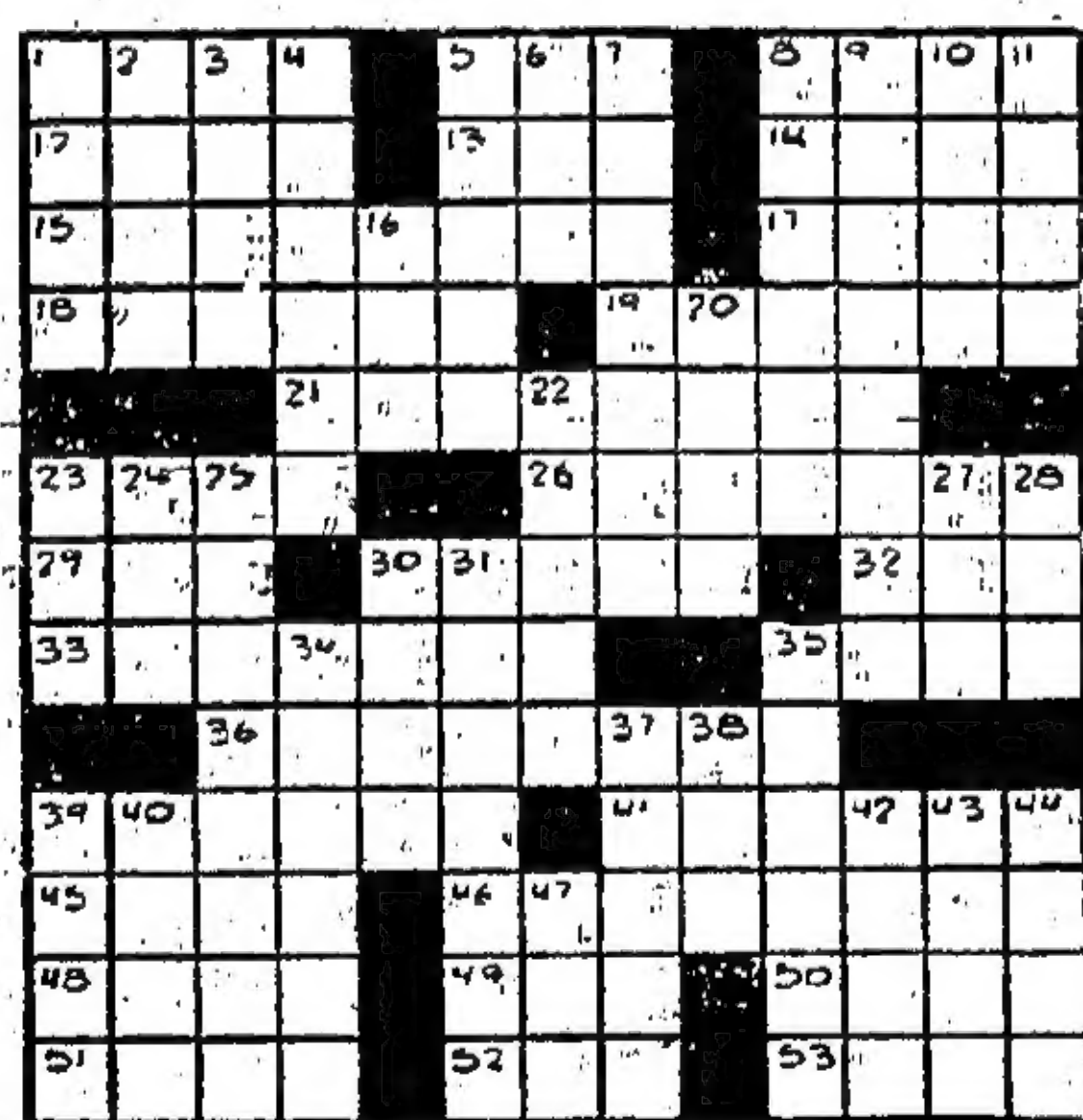
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ACROSS

- 1 Soft mineral.
- 5 Gentle blow
- 8 Forcible stroke with the hand
- 12 Pertaining to the mouth
- 13 Be indebted to
- 14 Be carried
- 15 Fastening firmly
- 17 Very black
- 18 Football team
- 19 To turn so as to present a different surface
- 21 To manage
- 23 At a distance
- 26 Not near
- 29 Free
- 30 Pay the cost of entertainment
- 32 Also
- 33 Windpipe
- 35 Transfer
- 36 Prevent
- 39 Colorless liquid
- 41 Regular
- 45 Land of the shamrock
- 46 Introduce
- 48 Tear asunder
- 49 Metallic or earthen vessel
- 50 Fruit of the blackthorn
- 51 Charges for professional services
- 52 Attempt
- 53 Shade-trees

**DOWN**

- 1 Ripped
- 2 Seed covering
- 7 To wash
- 9 Adroit
- 10 Accomplishing
- 11 Beard of wheat
- 17 Ornamental plant
- 18 Commission giving officer an honorary rank
- 19 Release
- 20 Smell
- 21 Departed
- 22 Number of years in decade
- 23 Excelling all others
- 24 Perfect
- 25 Skill
- 26 Evergreen tree
- 27 Capable of adjustment
- 27 Bow the head
- 28 Part of the foot
- 30 At that time
- 31 Written acknowledgment of payment
- 34 Withered old woman
- 35 Light clear red
- 37 Singleness
- 38 Minute
- 39 Channel made by a saw
- 40 Canal from Buffalo to Albany
- 42 Level shaded walk
- 43 Particle of matter
- 44 Sheltered sides
- 47 Correlative of neither

SOLUTION TOMORROW

H.K. ANTI-T.B. ASSCN.

H.K. Body Recommended To Appeal To N.A.P.T. For An Expert To Study Problem

The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association is just beginning to a close its first year of work and a meeting of the Council of the Association, preparatory to the annual meeting, is to be held on Friday in the Legislative Council Chamber, when the report of the Executive Committee and the statement of accounts will be discussed. At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, held last week, it was revealed that the annual financial report will show a credit balance of \$7,560.74.

Some discussion took place on the question of recommendations to the annual meeting regarding membership of next year's Executive Committee. The President suggested that the existing Committee be recommended for re-election but this was opposed by Mr. B. Wyke because, in his view, such action would conflict with democratic principles.

Finally, it was decided to ask for nominations at the annual meeting when members of the retiring Committee who were willing to be re-elected could be proposed individually.

Miss Mow Fung's resignation from the Executive Committee on her transfer to Shanghai was accepted and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to convey to Miss Mow Fung the Association's thanks for her work in connexion with its activities.

The Committee also placed on record its appreciation of Mr. Ho Kom-tong's generosity in paying the salary of a street lecturer on behalf of the Association.

Dr. N. C. Macleod indicated that because of increased teaching duties likely to fall upon him this year, he would be unable to accept nomination for re-election as Honorary Secretary of the Association. At the Chairman's request, the President agreed to seek a suitable candidate for the secretaryship.

The Report of the Scientific Sub-Committee, of which Professor R. C. Robertson is chairman, has been co-ordinated with the reports of other sub-committees in the General Report.

STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS

This Sub-Committee has made strong recommendations that the condition of houses in the poorer districts of the Colony should be looked into, that existing Government rules on house ventilation should be put thoroughly in operation, and that opening of open-air schools should be encouraged, that the H.K. Association should appeal to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in England for help by sending out an expert to study the local tuberculosis problem and make recommendations.

The Sub-Committee expressed the view that such an expert would carry much weight in stirring up government as well as public interest in the gravity of the tuberculosis problem.

The Committee expressed the view further that the general use of B.C.G. and Vaccin in this Colony should be deferred till further experiments have been completed, that the Association should press for, as a minimum, a 150-bed hospital and a 300-bed sanatorium for the treatment and care of T.B. patients, and that institutions should be built in non-malarial districts with sanitary facilities.

CHEST CLINICS

"There should be established," the report continues, "numbers of well-equipped Chest Clinics in town for the selection of cases to be sent to the institutions, those clinics to have not only X-ray equipment but also an independent laboratory of their own."

"Owing to the great prejudice against T.B., the Medical Department should be advised to instruct its Health Inspectors to be most tactful in dealing with notified cases, in order that others will not be encouraged to hide their disease and secretly spread infection."

The Sub-Committee also urged that a radiophotography outfit be purchased as soon as possible for a mass survey, adding: "We are fully conscious of the fact that it is impractical for the Executive Committee immediately to comply with all the varying recommendations and suggestions set forth, however desirable the suggestions themselves. It is hoped, however, that the most urgent deficiencies will be made up at the earliest possible moment."

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

WAR CHARITIES TO BENEFIT

An art exhibition of considerable interest is being held in the Colony this week when Mr. Liang Yu-ming, the well-known painter, will display his work at St. John's Cathedral Hall on Friday and Saturday.

The entire proceeds of the sale of the pictures are to be devoted to British war funds and Chinese war charities. H.E. the Governor has graciously consented to act as patron of the exhibition.

Mr. Liang Yu-ming has held one-man showings of his work in Chungking and in Hongkong, and will return to Free China—where he holds a Government appointment—in the near future.

TWO STYLES

He paints in two entirely different styles. In one of these he depicts air battles between Chinese and Japanese planes, engagements on the ground and other phases of the Sino-Japanese war which he has witnessed in person.

He has produced another series in quite a different mood but one also concerned with his country's battle against aggression. At times his themes are allegorical.

NEW G.O.C. FOR MALAYA

General Headquarters (Far East) has announced that Lieut-General L. V. Bond, C.B., will shortly leave Malaya to take up an appointment in the United Kingdom.

The post of G.O.C. (Malaya) will be taken over by Major-General A.E. Percival, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. Major-General Arthur Ernest Percival, the new G.O.C. (Malaya), had a distinguished record in the last war, winning the D.S.O. and bar, M.C., and French Croix de Guerre.

He has also had considerable experience in Malaya as he served with the Malaya Command as General Staff Officer 1st Grade from 1936-38—(Malaya Tribune).

HUGE LOSS RECORDED BY STEAMSHIP COMPANY

A loss of over \$250,000 is recorded in the report of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., which will be presented to the ordinary annual meeting of shareholders to be held at the office of the Company on Apr. 24, at noon.

The report states:—The loss for the year, after providing for depreciation of steamers at the usual rate, repairs, etc., is \$268,118.01 which has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account bringing the debit of that account to \$336,378.42, which your Directors recommend be carried forward to a new account.

The usual overhauls and repairs were effected during the year to the Company's fleet of steamers which are all in good running order.

DIRECTORS

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., and the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-long retire from the Board by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

On Mar. 6, 1940, Mr. D. L. Newbigging was invited to join the Board and his appointment requires the confirmation of shareholders at this meeting.

AUDITORS

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews who retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

COLONY MAILS LOST

The Postmaster General announces that the following Hongkong sea mails to the United Kingdom must be presumed lost by enemy action:—

Registered and Insured mails posted between 5 p.m. on Dec. 7, 1940, and 11.45 a.m. on Dec. 20, 1940.

Ordinary mails posted between 5.30 p.m. on Dec. 7, 1940, and 12.30 p.m. on Dec. 20, 1940.

Ordinary and Insured parcels posted between 4 p.m. on Dec. 6, 1940, and 10 a.m. on Dec. 20, 1940.

LICENCE ISSUE BY TRADE CONTROL OFFICE

It is notified for general information that, by arrangement with the C.P.R., the Chinese Passenger Office (entrance Chater Rd.) will be used temporarily for the issue of licences approved by the Trade Control Office.

Licences submitted for approval should be handed in as at present at the Trade Control Office in the P. O. Bldg. A slip bearing the No. of the licences will be handed to the messenger.

If licences are handed in in the morning, the No. slips should be presented at the Chater Rd. Office in the afternoon; slips for licences handed in in the afternoon should be presented the following morning. Firms are requested to co-operate by instructing their messengers not to wait about in the P. O. Bldg. after handing in the licences.

The issue of licences from the Chater Road Office will begin this morning, (Wednesday, April 16).

B. W. O. F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the B.W.O.F.:—

Previously acknowledged, £100 and \$895,762.99.
Miss Grace Eira (monthly) \$15.
J. S. Dunnett (monthly) 20, "In lieu of fine" 50, F. J. Reed 25, D. G. Day (monthly) 15, A. H. Guinness (monthly) 20, L. E. N. Ryan (monthly) 100; Sale of Stamps per Mrs. Black 3, A. M. Kennedy (monthly) 30, Anonymous 100. Total: \$698,140.99.

LIGHTS ON ARMY VEHICLES DIMMED

It is notified for general information that during the remainder of this week, all lights on military vehicles will be obscured or dimmed in accordance with the Black-out Order of 1940.

Drivers of public and private vehicles, on observing the approach of any military vehicle, using restricted lighting are requested to give every consideration to the difficult conditions under which the military personnel will be driving, and in order to reduce the risk of accident, should either dip or switch off their headlights.

GEM-CUTTER BRINGS CLAIM FOR SALARY

EVIDENCE GIVEN BY DEFENDANT

Further evidence was heard by Mr. Justice Williams at the Summary Court yesterday at the resumed hearing of the action brought by a Sinhalese gem-cutter, Azeez Abdul Wadood, against his former employer, Abdul and Co., of No. 14 Peking Road, Kowloon, and M. M. Kabeel, the managing partner.

Plaintiff represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, claimed the sum of \$338.50 as salary due and passage back to Ceylon and ordinary travelling expenses.

Defendant, represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, denied that plaintiff was employed at 40 rupees a month but at \$10 and was not entitled to passage back as plaintiff was engaged locally. Defendant also brought a counter-claim for the return of a diamond ring valued at \$140, and \$10 damage, being loss of one month's services.

RING SOLD

Kabeel, in evidence, stated that on Dec. 17 he went to the shop about 4 p.m. and saw that plaintiff was out. He looked through the book and found a diamond ring been sold for \$140. That same evening he met plaintiff in Peking Road and the latter, in reply to a question, said he had left the shop for good and was not returning. At 1 p.m. the ring was still in the shop.

Witness denied that the letter which plaintiff found in the safe was written by his partner, Abdul, because it was not signed. His partner never wrote to him informing him that plaintiff had been engaged in Ceylon to work in the Hongkong shop. Defendant lived with him until Dec. 17 when defendant left his employment and did not ask him for payment and he was very surprised when the writ was served on him.

Hearing was adjourned to May 5, at 10 a.m.

ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF THE KHALSA

The anniversary of the birth of the Khalsa, the day on which the Sikh Religion was founded by the tenth Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh—the last prophet of the Sikh religion—24 decades ago was celebrated by the local Sikh community at the Sikh Temple, Gap Road, on Sunday.

Among those who attended the function was the new Commissioner of Police, Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Major J. L. Wilcocks, D.S.O., M.C., Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. K. A. Bidmead, Superintendent in Charge Indian Police Contingent, Mr. O. Eager, D.C.P. (Reserves) and prominent members of the Sikh community.

Prayers were offered for the preservation of the religion as well as for the success of British arms in all theatres of the war.

A tea-party was held in honour of the distinguished guests at which Mr. Badan Singh, President, gave a historical account of the

CHINESE MEDICAL ASSCN. MTG.

The next General Meeting of the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association will be held at the Chinese Merchants Club, China Building, on Friday, April 18, 1941, at 8.30 p.m. when Dr. Lydia Fehly will deliver an address on "The Prevention of Beri-Beri." A cordial invitation is extended to all members.

H.K. WAR GAMES

Local military manoeuvres, taking place on both the Island and the mainland, and to last four or five days, commenced early yesterday morning when all vital points in the Colony, including piers and wharves, were manned by British troops.

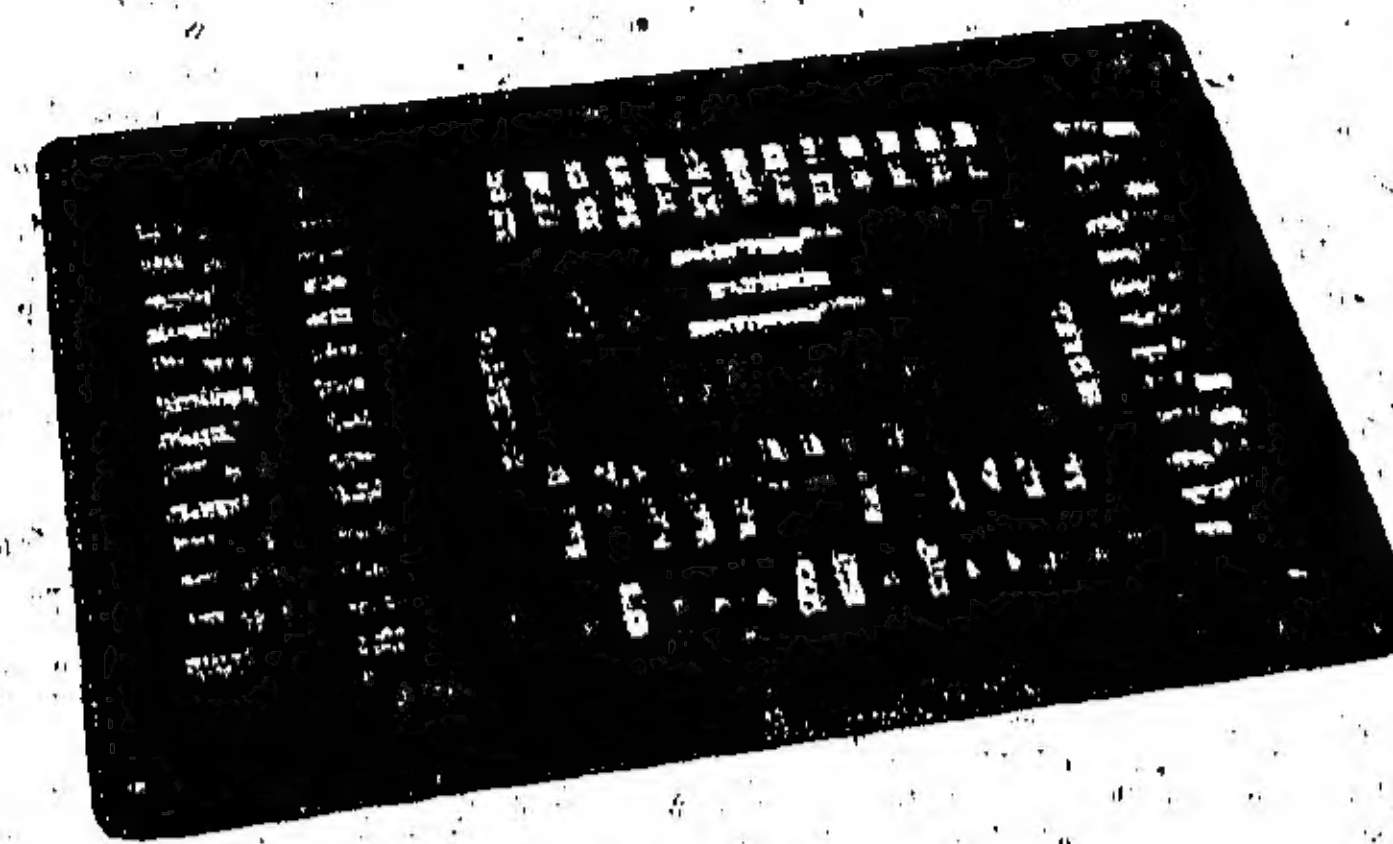
HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the six days ended at midnight on Apr. 14:—Cholera, 11 cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, 11 cases; Enteric Fever, four cases; Measles, eight cases; Tuberculosis, 99 cases.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that LEON SUMBATOVITCH BUDAGIAN of 49 Kadoorie Avenue, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on Wednesday, the 16th day of April, 1941, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1940, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 2nd April, 1941, to Wednesday, the 16th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 20th March, 1941.

THE MACAO ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirtieth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, Second Floor, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 30th day of April, 1941, at 11.30 a.m.

The Register of Members will be closed from the 23rd to the 30th day of April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Secretaries.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1941.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

Notice is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 24th April, 1941, at noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and re-electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th April to 24th April 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th April, 1941.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

The Middle School and the Preparatory School will re-open on April 21st, 1941.

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NORTH AFRICA

WHILE admitting that the German invasion of North Africa did come as a surprise to the British forces, which had previously swept across the Western Desert, military experts see no ground for any undue anxiety in the present position which has been created by the withdrawal of General Wavell's forces before the joint advance of the Nazi and Fascist troops. The first effect of the surprise having passed, General Wavell, finding himself outnumbered for the moment, necessarily had to choose his own battle ground, before he could put up a resistance against the enemy advance. This he has now done at Tobruk, where, despite the fact that the Germans and Italians have made a detour and captured Bardia, the British are now preparing to counter-attack. The selection of Tobruk as the battle-ground obviously gives the British forces an advantage over the Germans. The certain possibility of reinforcing the garrison at Tobruk with the assistance of the British Mediterranean Fleet is most important, and this can be done even now while the advance enemy units are endeavouring to cross the Egyptian border.

ONCE this has been accomplished, these advance units of the enemy forces will be in an unenviable position, particularly as their main route of supply along the coast road of Libya will be cut. The problem of keeping their rapidly advancing mechanised units supplied is one that the Germans will find the most difficult. Even at the moment they are adopting the very uncertain method of carrying this out from the air and it is doubtful whether this means will prove sufficient when their troops find themselves hard-pressed. It is the future that will tell and now that large British forces are being released from Eritrea by reason of the almost complete conquest of that part of Italy's East African Empire, the stand against the German drive to the Suez will assuredly be maintained long enough to enable full advantage to be taken of the supplies which will be able to reach the Red Sea from Britain and the United States.

GAOL CONGESTION

IT HAS been common knowledge for some time now that the Colony's prison at

Much-maligned, Buffeted Hawkers Deserve Better Fate Than Being Stand-by For Case Books Of Police

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THERE ARE FEW, IF ANY, WHO HAVE NOT, AT SOME TIME OR THE OTHER, SEEN ANAEMIC-LOOKING MEN or old and decrepit women or little street urchins being half-led and half-dragged by a burly Indian police constable along the streets to the Police Station, there to be charged with the heinous crime of HAWKING WITHOUT A LICENCE or, worse still, CAUSING AN OBSTRUCTION.

At the station these hawkers are usually allowed out on bail ranging between \$1 to \$5, and, on their appearing before the Magistrate the following day, are fined approximately the amount of their respective bail. In really deserving cases, the offenders are simply cautioned while in an extreme case a free licence is recommended by the Magistrate.

This much-maligned and buffeted, but withal long-suffering and useful, section of the community deserve a better fate than that of being made the "stand-by" of a constable's Case Book or the subject of attack by some controlling body.

This body of men, women and children, unrepresented by any Union and terrified at the sight of a Police constable, is indispensable so long as the standard of living among the masses is so miserably low. Working long hours at a stretch, in rain or sun, and selling at prices which permit of only the barest margin of profit, the hawkers play a not unimportant role in the economic life of this Colony.

"NECESSARY EVIL"

As an official of the Urban Council said: "Hawkers are a damned nuisance, but they are, at the same time, a necessary evil." To the majority of the Chinese housewives, living some distance from shops, these hawkers are a regular blessing in disguise, for, without them, many families would have to do without some of the necessities of life.

"Take, for instance, a woman with a young baby, living in a small cubicle in a flat in, say, Staunton Street. If every time she wanted to buy a yard of cloth, a pair of clogs, a broom, an orange or a small toy for her baby, she has to go down to Queen's Road, she would rather do without it, than leave her baby at home with no one to mind it. Even the food hawkers are useful, for a busy housewife would only have to step out of her door to buy a bowl of congee, or some other edible, instead of having either to go without that meal or to go all the way to the nearest food-shop."

ULTIMATE AMBITION

Hawking is not a chosen profession nor is it the outcome of an ambition to ultimately set up as a store-keeper. According to a young hawker, it is the "last hope" of many to earn an honest living. Unable to find work and unwilling to beg, many of these able-bodied men and women, said our informant, invested what little money they may possess in stock and "take to the roads" hoping to make 20 cents or so a day.

Stanley has been unable to cope with the number of inmates who have been committed to serve terms of imprisonment for various offences against the law. With the steady increase in petty crimes, the problem has doubtless become acute and the need for more accommodation for prisoners is one that has been frequently brought before the authorities.

The seriousness of the position was revealed in the columns of this paper yesterday when it was learned from an official source that, in consequence of this congestion, many short-term prisoners have had to be released before the expiry of their sentences. While this constitutes what really amounts to a flouting of the orders of the courts, it is easy to understand that the authorities are compelled to do so owing to the over-crowding at Stanley. When this action is considered in conjunction with the statement that many of those who have been ordered to be banished were similarly released and permitted to remain in the Colony, it must

"Our lives," went on the hawker, "are far from pleasant. As a matter of fact, I may say that we are simply fighting with our backs to the wall, hoping and praying that that wall will not collapse under the weight of official regulations being constantly placed on it."

"The authorities—I mean those who make the laws—do not seem to

have very fierce-looking faces, but

they have very good hearts. Many

of them, I am sure, do not like to

put us on the charge-sheet, but

they must do their duty."

To banish these hawkers from

the streets is to dash the rice-

bowls from the lips of thousands

of law-abiding citizens, whose only

"crime" is to try and make an

honest living. It will create and

breed such a feeling of resentment

at what would be considered, by

them, as an injustice as might turn

these people into real criminals or,

in extreme desperation, suicides.

CHILDISH DISPLAY

There is no gainsaying the fact

that, at times, hawkers make a

nuisance of themselves and strict

control is not only necessary, but

absolutely imperative. But this

control could be obtained by a

more charitable method than ar-

rests and the upsetting of goods

which, after all, could only be

considered as a childish display

of authority, as well as a criminal

waste of either goods or food as

the case may be.

A suggestion made by a philan-

thropic Chinese gentleman was

that certain areas—vacant spaces,

waste grounds, side streets, roads

where there is no vehicular traffic,

along pavements, but only between

pillars, and other quiet alleys—

should be "open" places for haw-

kers—places where they could sell

without fear of arrest. Market

areas should definitely be "out of

bounds" to ALL HAWKERS. This

information should be given to

hawkers in the form of a public

notification—for obvious reasons.



A typical aged hawker in Hollywood Road.



Bargaining with a cloth seller in Peel Street near Staunton St.

SHAI-HANGCHOW HIGHWAY

Sections Destroyed By Chinese Troops

SHANGHAI, April 15 (Reuter)—Japanese communications have been interrupted following the destruction of sections of the Shanghai-Hangchow highway between Kashing and Ksiehl, according to Chinese press reports.

Chinese troops are now stated to be moving eastward from the Kinsan, Chapoo and Pinghu areas along the Shanghai-Hangchow highway. The vanguards are reported to comprise some light mechanised units equipped with rifles and hand-grenades.

Counteracting the Chinese move, several thousand Japanese troops have been sent from Shanghai to the threatened areas, it is added.

HOW SERIOUS IS GERMAN DRIVE INTO LIBYA? VIEWS OF MILITARY EXPERT

"It is on the Battle of the Atlantic that the war will be won—and by us," said MAJOR LEWIS HASTINGS, military commentator at the B.B.C., when he broadcast from London yesterday. Maj. Hastings particularly commented on the German drive into Libya, where, he said, there was no particular reason for any undue pessimism.

At this moment it is not possible to even guess at the disposition of our forces in Egypt and Libya," continued Maj. Hastings, "but from the look of things, it is possible that Tobruk may still be defended. A delayed action fight along this coast will be greatly assisted as long as Tobruk stands across the main line of the enemy's attack."

A DIFFERENCE

"The coast line, of course, offers a great opportunity for the German Panzer columns, but our men by this time know every yard of this area, though it certainly looks as if the Germans, with their Italian hangers-on, are repeating the dose that General Wavell gave Signor Mussolini's army."

"But there is a great difference in that we have accomplished this backward move without any serious losses of men and arms. Secondly, there is the fact that while the R.A.F. in our advance, literally wiped Italian aircraft out of the skies, they are now harrying the German and Italian columns. Then again, the closer we get to Egypt, the more easily will assistance be able to reach us to resist the enemy."

"More reinforcements are now coming up and my own personal opinion is that the situation can be looked upon with confidence. There is little doubt that if, and when, the tide changes and an opportunity for our attack develops, the Germans and Italians will find themselves in jeopardy."

BLITZ ATTACK

"The German drive, however, is proof that this type of blitz attack has not yet found an effective counter, but one day, no doubt that will come."

"It has occurred to me, and no doubt it has occurred to you too, that these movements in Europe and Africa are too rapid to enable one to get a clear picture of what is happening. The whole conception of war today has undergone a metamorphosis and let us therefore, make an effort to get a picture in perspective."

"First of all, it is clear that the vast campaign in Greece, Yugoslavia and Libya, now creates something like a major diversion of German resources. In terms of air-power and sea-power, at any rate, the Nazis are involved up to the hilt, in a war on two fronts. If all these areas in the Near East have to be reinforced and supplied from Britain itself, Germany, with her shorter communications, would have a decided advantage."

CONVERGING OF ROUTES

"But that is not the case—far from it. See how the world's routes converge on Africa and the Red Sea and the Suez Canal. All of mechanised savagery over this the man-power and material from vast Mediterranean area has, yet India, Australia, New Zealand and been restated. The Nazis are now Africa itself, as well as material help from the United States are accessible to our troops in this war

"The German invasion of Africa has caught us unawares, but it is the future that will tell and it is my view that if Germany ever ventures into Africa, that continent will be Hitler's doom."

NEW ELEMENTS

"The war in spite of all these events is not rivetted on the Eastern Mediterranean. It is on the Battle of the Atlantic that the war will be won—and by us," continued Maj. Hastings. "Some new elements in this struggle have been discerned in the past week and they are all in our favour. First amongst these is that the United States has decided to fortify the air bases in East Greenland. This means that the long air passage from the United States to Britain is now supplied by three halts."

"This also means that fighters and other planes can be easily delivered to Britain and it increases the efficacy of the American control of ocean routes."

"This is not the only recent contribution made by the United States to the Atlantic campaign. By declaring the Red Sea open to American shipping the United States will enable the British Government to release much available and valuable tonnage for the Atlantic."

BRITISH PROGRESS

"Our own progress has been equally important during this week. Daylight sweeps are increasing over Germany and her occupied countries. The sea is being made more and more dangerous for U-boats and surface raiders and attacks on the lurking places for U-boats grow in intensity. The bombardment of Kiel and the pounding of Nazi naval store-houses are indications of the striking force of our air offensive against the Nazi campaign of piracy."

"The news from the Balkan front shows that the Yugoslavs have begun to use these tactics which the Australians failed to use in the last war. The Yugoslav army is operating independently and is now hitting back. South of Monastir, both Greek and British forces have been engaged and the first onslaught of the Nazi columns has been met and repulsed. Still it cannot be said that the impetus of mechanised savagery over this the man-power and material from vast Mediterranean area has, yet India, Australia, New Zealand and been restated. The Nazis are now Africa itself, as well as material help from the United States are accessible to our troops in this war

BRITAIN SPEAKS:

ANGLO-U.S. UNDERSTANDING
IS MORE THAN POLITICAL
ALLIANCE—J. B. PRIESTLEY

"When two great peoples know that they can live in peace together and with a growing respect for each other and that each desires more or less the same conditions in the world—and when these two peoples control the greater part of the world's resources—then, I say, you will have more than a political alliance... you will have the possibility of a new world order."

The above formed part of a final broadcast talk from London yesterday in the series "BRITAIN SPEAKS" by MR. JOHN B. PRIESTLEY, the eminent novelist and essayist.

"THANK YOU"

"This is the last talk I shall be giving you for some time," began Mr. Priestley, "and I want to say 'Thank You.' Thank you for listening to me, and thanks to thousands of you who have written to me and tried to give me an idea what life is like in your land."

These letters have come not only from the United States, but from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the West Indies, and my small son, who collects stamps, has done very well out of this broadcasting. I have not done too badly either; I have just received a box of cigars from Canada."

Mr. Priestley, describing his own feelings before the microphone, which he called "just a soulless little instrument," said that it was nevertheless able to distinguish between sincerity and insincerity. Those who "imagined that they could get away with insincerity were just announcing it to millions."

"When you talk on the air, the first thing to do is to make sure that you mean what you say and that you are sincere in it," declared Mr. Priestley. "For my part, I can assure you that I have always tried to be honest and sincere and to tell you the truth as I saw it."

"I am not pretending to be a martyr to truth, but the point I want to make is that I have always taken care to be as honest and sincere as I know how to be."

IMPORTANT EVENT

"In the same spirit of honesty and sincerity—because you can bet your life that I don't want to break my record—I want to talk to you today of one event. We have had news of all manner of developments, but only a few newspapers have announced what seemed to me the most significant of all. I put this small incident on the same level as the news from Yugoslavia, the defeat of the Italian fleet in the Mediterranean and the Balkan blitz."

"It was simply an announcement that on a little place in the Island of Trinidad the Stars and Stripes are now being flown. That was all."

"Where once there was the Union Jack, there is now the



MR. PRIESTLEY

Stars and Stripes," continued Mr. Priestley. "In the last few months plenty of flags have been pulled down and the Nazis did a lot of this last summer. We, ourselves, did a lot of it in Africa."

VERY DIFFERENT

"But, here in Trinidad, is something very different indeed. No capture or conquest was involved at all. John Bull is busy elsewhere, so Uncle Sam arrives to take care of things."

"This is the most important event so far in this war, and for the world after the war. It means that two of the greatest peoples of the world have come to an understanding—people who want the same kind of things in the same kind of world."

Mr. Priestley went on to comment on his own feelings towards America and said how much he missed his visits to that country. These visits were undertaken not as a tourist but with a desire to live in that country. In the same way, he missed his friends in America who used to make frequent visits to Britain.

SECONDARY HOME

"I do say that we always feel that we are nearer home and that we are in a kind of secondary home in the United States," said Mr. Priestley, "and the same thing applies to my American friends who come here regularly."

"The point is that both of us, after crossing the Atlantic, do feel that we would like to live in these countries and that there are people there we would like to live with. Whereas, if we go to other countries we feel strangers, and, indeed, in the dictator countries we would feel as though we were living in a mad house."

"People will say that this aspect does not affect international politics. I don't agree with this. I declare that personal tastes and likings are of the utmost importance. The ability of the ordinary folks to get on with each other is very important."

"That is the weakness of the Axis powers. The German and Italian people have no liking for each other. The Germans have a contempt for the Italians and, in their usual way, the Germans don't trouble to hide it. The Italians don't like the heavy and bullying style of the Germans. With these people, the show of liking is only seen at the top, and there is nothing but dissension in the lower ranks."

MORE THAN AN ALLIANCE

"When two great peoples know that they can live in peace together, and with a growing respect for each other and that each desires, more or less, the same conditions in the world—and when these two peoples control the greater part of the world's resources—then I say you will have more than a political alliance. (Something hastily put together by politicians of the countries for their own ends)—you will have the possibility of a new world order."

"That is why I found the hoisting of the Stars and Stripes in Trinidad the most significant event of this fateful year," concluded Mr. Priestley. "And now, thank you again for listening to me. Good luck and good-bye."

War Coming
Nearer To
Australia

CANBERRA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Revealing confidential war information, MR. A. W. FADDEEN, Acting Prime Minister of Australia, told the Loan Council that from now on every Australian would have to give all he was and all he had.

One indispensable necessity was to provide a maximum amount for national security.

"Only a fool," he added, "can close his eyes to the adversely changing international situation and overlook the fact that the war is coming nearer to our shores almost daily."

Stating that the war position was acute, Mr. Fadden said that it was desirable that immediate steps should be taken to speed the war effort as much as possible.

SOVIET-JAPAN
PACT SOLE
TOPICPolitical Opinion
In America

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Russo-Japanese Pact is almost the sole topic in political and diplomatic circles in Washington, with everyone seeking the real significance of this unexpected happening.

Opinions of the Pact's significance vary considerably, from the extreme view that it means Russia will hold Japan's coat while she fights the United States to the view which sees it as evidence of Japanese weakness—that Tokyo has been forced to compromise with Communism in Russia, which doctrine she asserts she has been fighting in China for the last four years.

The Pact surprised official Washington and it is believed Mr. Matsuoka himself was probably quite surprised in obtaining the agreement.

For him personally it is unquestionably a personal success. Reports from Tokyo state he is practically "due for the skies" as far as the Japanese army is concerned.

The BALTIMORE SUN expresses as its opinion that if Japan thinks this apparent strengthening of her position vis-a-vis America will soften United States policy, her calculation is incorrect.

"GOD OF EXPEDIENCY" The WASHINGTON POST says the militarists in Japan are hardly likely to forgive Russia for the help she has given China but "the god of expediency which the Nipponese serve has called for readjustments."

The paper thinks that by holding out threat of action in south east Asia, which is always a possibility while Hitler is winning in Europe, Japan can recoup her losses in China.

The paper adds it must now be apparent to the most shallow mind that Moscow's role in the world strife is more devious than all she applied the match and now

Quo Tai-chi's Task In
London During Past
Nine Years Never EasyREGRET OF MANY FRIENDS AT
COMING DEPARTURE

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The regret of his many friends at the coming departure of the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Quo Tai-chi, from England may be tempered, says THE TIMES in a leader, by the knowledge that he has been summoned to China to become the Minister for Foreign Affairs, a difficult task, but one to which he brings high personal qualities and a wide experience of affairs and men.

His task in London during the past nine years was never an easy one, although lighter in some respects in recent years.

Always tactful and moderate in pleading for his country's cause, he never yielded to temptation to seek support from political cliques or parliamentary partisans.

He endured not a few disappointments with the smiling philosophy of his great and ancient nation, strengthened by the belief that officials, as well as public opinion in this country, would come to recognise the justice of the Chinese cause by more than expressions of sympathy.

Events have confirmed this belief.

THOROUGHLY SYMPATHETIC

No doubt, should be felt in Free China as regards the direction of opinion in this country. It is thoroughly sympathetic. It has learned by experience that while Japan remains in the hands of a militarist clique, it is idle to believe that concession will satisfy the appetites of the Asiatic champions of the "new order."

It has begun to realise that if China, despite her military weakness, had not stood up to Japan in 1937, our present difficulties might have been immeasurably increased. That her foreign policy will be in the hands of so good a friend of Britain and America and so stout a champion of liberty as Dr. Quo Tai-chi, is a matter for congratulation to the English-speaking world.

FAREWELL TO CHURCHILL

LONDON, April 15. (Central).—Dr. Quo Tai-chi, yesterday bade farewell to Mr. Winston Churchill. He remained with the British Prime Minister for about half-an-hour.

Dr. Quo was honoured at a send-off luncheon given at noon by representatives of the Chinese community in Britain. Godspeed and best wishes of success and health were expressed by Dr. P.W. Kuo, Vice-Minister of Finance, who acted as chief host, Dr. C.C. Wang, Chairman of the Chinese Purchasing Commission in London, and other representatives of the Chinese community.

Replying, Dr. Quo stressed the necessity of national unity and co-operation in resistance to attain China's freedom and equality in the world.

seems bent on keeping the conflagration ablaze.

The Scripps-Howard NEWS thinks the Pact would be of the most momentous significance if either signatory could be sure the other would adhere in both the letter and spirit, but the records of both sides show that they will stay hitched only as long as it is in their mutual interest; to do so.

Winning The
War Takes
Precedence

WELLINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Winning the war takes precedence over all other considerations in New Zealand today, the Prime Minister, MR. P. FRASER, told the annual Labour Party conference.

This is not the time for differences among electors, he said.

In the meantime, restrictions upon the exports of primary products and husbanding of sterling resources would need careful attention.

O. M. Green
On Pact.

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doubt that Russia is concerned at the extension of the war in the Balkans.

"There is no need to dwell on Japan's fear of America. Japan must be well aware of the recent conversations which have taken place between Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham and the American Commanders in Manila, and there are abundant signs that there is rising anxiety in Japan over her connexion with the Axis and fear of being drawn into a war with America."

RELATIONS WITH CHINA

"Meanwhile, the new pact with Russia is silent as regards Soviet relations with China and the help which China has been receiving from Russia. Only last week a further large consignment of arms reached China from Russia."

"The Japanese Vice-Foreign Minister, Mr. Ohashi, when he addressed the Prefectural Governors recently stated that the war in China was Japan's primary concern, and declared that there was no prospect of this war coming to an end soon."

"It is a simple truth that China is growing stronger every day, both militarily and economically."

"Last month she gained a victory of the first order over a very large Japanese offensive in Central China. This is the fourth defeat of the Japanese attempt to wipe out the Chinese army since last November."

UNDERSTOOD RISK

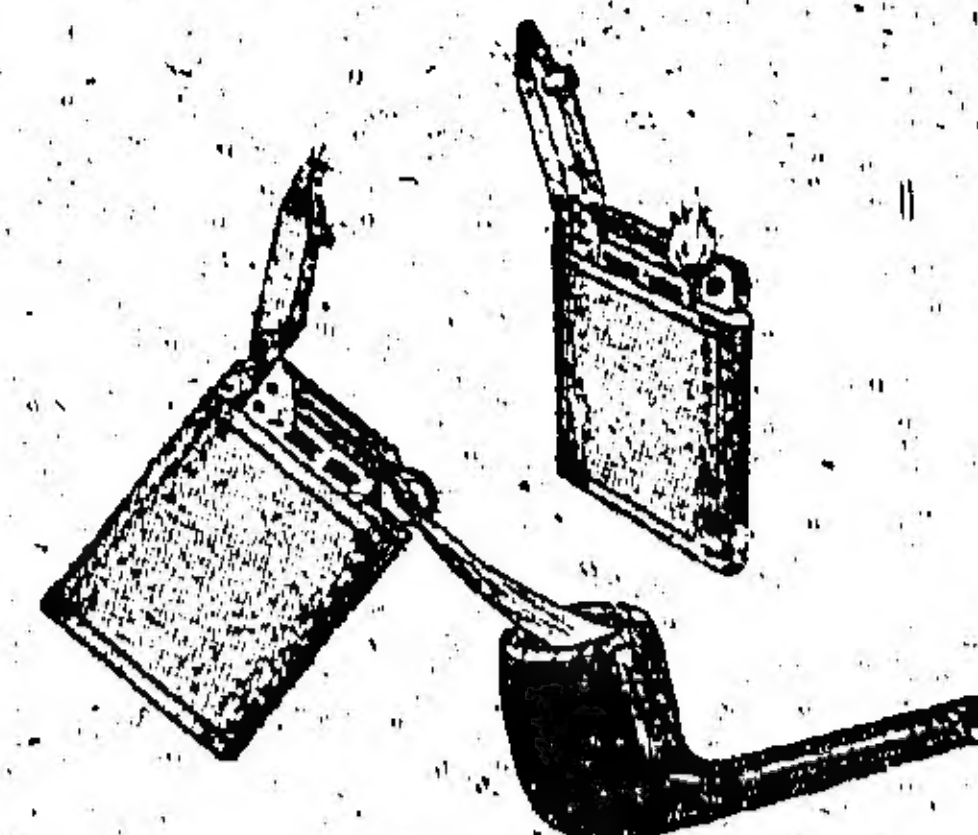
Mr. Green declared that in view of these factors, the Japanese understood the risk of bringing America down upon them.

"Lastly, one cannot leave out of account the deep and mutual distrust which has prevailed between Japan and Russia. While Japan undertakes to respect the inviolability of Russian territory, it must not be forgotten that 20 years ago she made the same promise in regard to China under the Nine-Power Treaty. When it suited her she just said that that Treaty was not applicable to modern conditions."

"That is the sort of thing that the statesmen of Moscow have not forgotten," concluded Mr. Green.

BITTER ATTACK

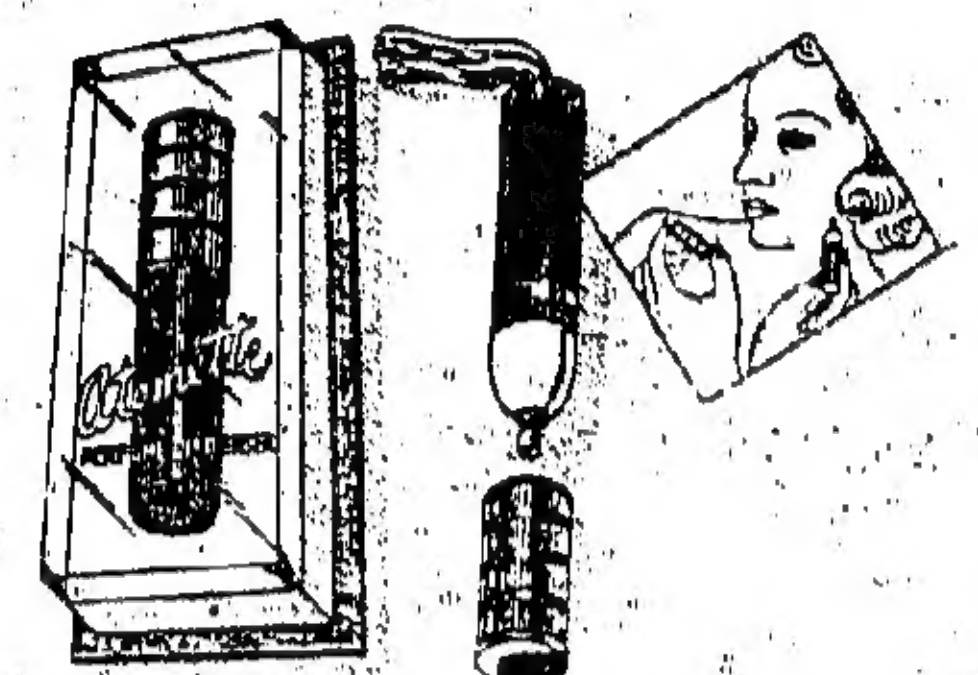
CHUNGKING, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—In a bitter attack against Russia, the influential Chinese daily TAKUNGPAO, which has hitherto been a staunch supporter of close Chinese-Soviet relations, asserts that the Soviet-Japanese Pact was contrary to Chinese-Soviet Agreement of 1924 and the Chinese-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact of 1937, "and while the word 'peace' appears frequently in the pact, it must be stated that the pact will result in the opposite because it facilitates Japanese military operations."



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The WING ON

Japanese
Para-Troops
Demonstrate
In S'hai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Japanese para-troops were on view for the first time in Shanghai yesterday when scores of soldiers leaped from 30 large transport planes in a demonstration near the Civic Centre in Kiangwan area, according to the North China Daily News.

The transport planes were said to be accompanied by many pursuits and fighters. The entire lot flew at 10,000 feet before the parachutists made the jump, the paper added.

Throughout the day Japanese planes flew over the Settlement in large formations. At one time 54 planes were witnessed flying in two close formations of 27 each.

hions against China and Japan's southward move in the Pacific against Britain and the United States."

The Takungpao recalls that China has been faithful to the treaty obligations, and has persistently refused to adhere against the Anti-Comintern Pact, despite Japanese persuasion of intimidation which was "the immediate cause of the war between China and Japan."

TRADE TREATY

TOKYO, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—An Information Board spokesman predicted a Japanese-Soviet Trade Treaty in a few days and a successful conclusion of the Japanese-French economic talks regarding Indo-China before long. The trade talks with Thailand are stated to be also going on.

NO THREAT

MELBOURNE, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact did not mean any threat of a drive to the south, stated Mr. T. Kawai, Japanese Minister to Australia. He added that Japan's policy towards Australia was one of absolute unchangeable peace and friendship.

R.A.F. PILOTS
3-MILE SPRINT
FOR FREEDOM

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Chased by the Germans after making a forced landing in No Man's Land between the Nazi and Allied lines in Greece, an R.A.F. Hurricane pilot sprinted three miles over rough ground before being rescued by an Australian patrol.

After an exchange of shots, the Germans withdrew.

His escape, the first recorded from the new Balkan war front, was told by the Air Ministry news service yesterday. Returning to his squadron, the pilot said that he was just about dead beat at the time he was picked up.

To an Intelligence Officer, he is reported to have said: "We had been ground strafing the German motorised columns and had done the decent of a lot of damage. Fire from the ground was pretty intense and a lucky shot stopped my engine."

IRAQI CABINET
FORMED

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Sayid Basid Ali el Gallant, the chief civilian in the Iraqi coup d'etat, succeeded in forming a Cabinet under his Presidency on Saturday.

The Cabinet, announced by the Royal Iraqi Legation, shows that Sayid Rashid is Prime Minister and includes Sayid Musa al Shabandar as Foreign Minister; Sayid Naj al Suwaida as Finance Minister; Sayid Naj al Shawkat as Defence Minister and Sayid Ali Mah-mud al Sheikh Ali as Minister of Justice.

ITALY'S LATEST
NOTE TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Italy's latest Note to the United States in regard to the seizure of the Italian ships in United States ports, makes the "most vicious protest" against this arbitrary action and challenges the legality of the United States move.

Situation Not
Grave

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which says that mechanized forces have reached Sebenico and that the occupation of Zaratine Islands by marine and army detachments has been completed.

The communique also stated that in face of "enemy resistance" Italian troops entered Koritza and reports that the Italian air force are in bombing operations against strategic centres in both Greek and Yugoslav centres, together with dive-bombing attacks on road junction and roads.

"In aerial combat" states the communique, "three enemy aircraft were brought down. One of our planes has not returned to the base. In the Aegean Sea, Italian planes repeatedly bombed the port of Piraeus. Some ships were damaged and one of them sunk. Large fires were started in docks."

VALONA RAIDED

The communique further admits that on the night of Apr. 14, British planes raided Bringsi and Valona, causing some damage to two ships and says that one plane was brought down by gunfire. After mentioning that Sollum was occupied, the communique refers to "another enemy raid on Tripoli, there being casualties and damage."

A Greek communique issued late on Monday night states that German forces are pushing towards Kilina, Kozani and Siatista.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

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at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central. (2nd Floor).

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On View from Thursday, the 17th April, 1941.

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Important Part Played By Commerce In War Stressed By Mr. B. S. Fong

The important part played by commerce in war was stressed by MR. B. S. FONG, former Chairman of the San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce, when addressing a large gathering of local businessmen at a tea-party given in his honour by the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Mr. Philip Gockehin (Chairman of the Chamber) presided, and was supported by Messrs. Ng Chak-wa (Vice-Chairman), H. Y. Tso (Secretary), Tung Chung-wai (Treasurer), Yeung Ngok-fai, J. M. Wong, Kwok Chan, Au Chak-sum, Lui Yum-suen and Dr. S. W. Tso.

Mr. H. Y. Tso, introducing Mr. Fong, said that their guest of honour was well-known in both America and China as a true and exceedingly patriotic son of China.

Mr. Gockehin expressed the pleasure of the Chamber at the presence of Mr. Fong—a man known to all as the most fervent worker in the cause of China.

During his long sojourn in America Mr. Fong has not only cemented the commercial ties between the two great democratic countries but has also eloquently placed China's case before the American people.

Their honoured guest, went on the speaker, was also instrumental in the raising of large funds for his mother-country's war chests.

MAIN REASON

After thanking the Chamber of Commerce for its kind welcome and the honour of the tea-party, Mr. Fong said that the main reason for his return to China was an invitation by the Chungking authorities to attend the meeting of the People's Political Council.

On his departure from America, said Mr. Fong, he was asked by both the foreign and Chinese Chambers of Commerce in San Francisco to convey their greetings to the Chinese Chambers of Commerce in Hongkong and China.

After stating that he was in Chungking for about three weeks and that it was his original intention to leave for United States today but that he had decided to postpone his departure to May 4, Mr. Fong gave a detailed account of the work of the Chinese Chambers of Commerce in San Francisco and New York. These two Chambers, said Mr. Fong, are not only representing the interests of the Chinese merchants but also act as intermediaries between the exporters in China and the American officials.

BUYING MORE

The speaker then went on to quote the official figures furnished him in America, of the Chinese exports to and imports from America from 1930 to 1939. During all those years, said Mr. Fong, America had been buying more from China than selling to her. Hongkong, on the other hand, imported more from the United States than America from her.

The important part played by commerce in a war, said Mr. Fong, is realised by all the countries now at war. Exports meant more foreign exchange, while imports represented materials which are essential to the continuance of resistance.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by The Hon. Mr. J. P. Penfather - Evans, Commissioner of Police.

CHINESE COMPANY

Training Course—Part IV. Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st Floor for Part IV of Training Course under Inspector (R) Lau Shiu Chuen on Wednesday, April 16 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Training Course—Part II. Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters for instructions in Part II of Training Course under Police Sergeant (R) 214 Chan-nan Singh on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 15, 16, 17, and 18 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Training Course—Part III. Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters for instructions in Part III of Training Course under O. C. Indian Company on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 15, 16, 17 and 18 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE. Promotion. Sub-Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa has been promoted to the rank of Acting Inspector (R), as from April 7, 1941.

Training Course—Part II. Members of the "B" Company will attend No. 2 Police Station for in-



MR. B. S. FONG

Referring to the attitude of the American people towards China, the speaker stated that the best friends of China in America are those who returned home after spending a few years out here. He paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Julien Arnold, the former U.S. Commercial Attaché in China, who retired last year after spending 38 years in China. (Applause.)

The Chinese in the Americas—North, Central and South—are extremely patriotic. But, unfortunately, not all of the 225,000 Chinese there are in a position to contribute money towards their mother country's cause.

Of these 225,000 only about 100,000 could donate anything, said Mr. Fong. It, therefore, speaks volumes for their patriotism when it is realised that, since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war, they have raised over U.S. \$13,000,000, and that during last year alone the amount collected was over \$5,000,000 U.S. currency. (Applause.)

CONVEY GREETINGS

Mr. Ng Chak-wa thanked Mr. Fong for a very interesting resume of what the Overseas Chinese in America have been doing for China, and asked him to convey to them the greetings of the members of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. S. W. Tso also asked Mr. Fong to assure the Chinese in America of the local Chinese community's realisation of the needs of China, and of their doing their utmost to assist their mother country in the time of her present needs.

PEARL RIVER REOPENED

The Pearl River, which was closed by the Japanese authorities on Wednesday last, was officially reopened on Monday.

The Japanese m.v. Siragone Maru will resume schedule today when she arrives in the Colony.

The s.s. Fatshan will leave for Canton on Saturday, according to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

Musk Presented

Indicative of the growing interest of the border peoples in national affairs, a delegation of the Miao tribe in northern Kweichow arrived in Chungking recently and was received by Chairman Lin Sen of the National Government.

After paying their respects to Chairman Lin, the delegation presented him with a precious gift of musk which is produced in their native district.

Chairman Lin conversed briefly with the members of the delegation and inquired of the conditions in the border districts where the Miao tribes inhabit. (Central News.)

Instructions in Part II of Training Course on Wednesday and Friday, April 16 and 18 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. EAGER.

D. C. P. (R).

Hongkong, April 15, 1941.

ANNUAL MEETING OF UNION WATERBOAT CO.

Profit Made Despite War Exigencies

A net profit of approximately \$28,000 was reported by the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, in the course of his speech at the annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Co. Ltd., held at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Co. Ltd., yesterday.

Supporting the Chairman were the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Messrs. L. J. Davies, A. H. Veltman, R. Ona (members of the Consulting Committee), A. C. I. Bowker (Secretary), and F. Edwards (Superintendent). Shareholders present were Messrs. R. K. Valentine, W. Wright and V. Yvanovich.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In presenting his report for 1940, the Chairman said, in part:—

With considerably fewer ships using this port as a result of the war, water sales have been seriously affected. Total sales for the year amounted to 488,865 tons, or 88,500 tons less than 1939 sales. The position has still further deteriorated since December 31 last and at present we are only averaging 1,000 tons a day, which is 25 per cent. lower than in 1940.

Our four Diesel Engine boats Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, have carried out the bulk of the deliveries. With coal at its present prohibitive price the steam engine boats Nos. 5, 7 and 8, are too expensive to run and we have laid them up in Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter as often as possible.

In this connection we have been helped considerably by the Talkoo Sugar Refining Company, from whom we always draw part of our supplies. The new 500 ton storage tank for altered water which they have erected enables us to fill our Diesel boats with 300 tons of water in half an hour. This considerable saving in filling time means more work can be got out of these boats and is almost as good as having another boat.

VESSELS COMMANDEERED

It was decided last year to convert No. 9 Waterboat to a Diesel engine boat and also to install a new pumping set to increase its rate of delivery. The pumping unit has arrived in the Colony and is in the process of being erected, but I regret to report that the propelling machinery was lost on its way out from Home by enemy action. A new engine has been ordered and is expected in a couple of months' time.

Early in March this year the Naval Authorities commandeered our steam waterboats Nos. 5 and 7. Although the rate of hire will probably be small, having them taken out of our hands will mean an appreciable saving in crews' wages, upkeep and insurance, and unless the demand for water should show an unexpected increase we should not have difficulty in meeting our customers' requirements.

The Superintendent reports that the fleet is in first class condition and barring accidents should be in no need of major repairs for some time to come.

WORKING PROFIT

The profit on Working is \$43,851.57, nearly H.K. \$16,000 less than the previous year, and this is almost entirely due to the reduced water sales. In view of the increase in running costs it was decided to raise our price for water from 55 cents to 60 cents per ton, but this increase only came into effect on October 1 and so has not appreciably increased our revenue.

Comparing expenses with the previous year, savings on account of coal, launch working and stores have been offset by increases in cost of oil fuel, and office expenses. The latter due to a higher cost of living allowance of 10 per cent. granted the staff and the special War Taxation which was just under \$2,000.

The figure shown for Depreciation on Waterboats and Launch in the Profit and Loss A/C is some \$1,500 lower than the previous year and this represents the depreciation which would have been chargeable on No. 8 Waterboat which was sold in February 1940.

The profit on the sale of this boat which amounted to \$14,828.07 has been transferred to General Reserve.

The net profit for the year under review is \$27,328.58.

The Report and Accounts were seconded by Mr. E. K. Valentine and carried unanimously.

AT CENTRAL

THEFT OF WATCHES

A 17-year-old youth appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday on two charges of larceny from the person of wrist watch.

Defendant was Tsang Wal-pui, unemployed, who was alleged to have stolen a watch from Li Chik-kuai, married woman, at Eastern Street, near First Street, on Apr. 2, and one from Wu Fung-ying, married woman, at Western Street, near King's College, on Apr. 10.

Two other youth, Chan Tai-hang, 17, unemployed, and Yeung Wan-tai, 18, unemployed, were charged with receiving stolen property in the first and second case respectively.

On the application of Insp. H. G. Hallam, who is in charge of the case, all defendants were remanded until today.

PAID TO FIGHT

A man armed with a dagger was arrested in Aberdeen Street, near Wellington Street, on Friday. According to him, he was on his way to fight a rival gang, having been paid the sum of \$10.

Appearing before Mr. Lowry yesterday, Lo Yun, 26, unemployed, was sentenced to one month's hard labour on a charge of unlawful possession of arms.

Det. Acting Sub-Insps. F. Nolan prosecuted.

UNEMPLOYED REMANDED

Fung Tsan, 25, unemployed, of No. 21, Bowring Street, ground floor, appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on two charges in connection with the theft of a motor, the property of Fung Ming-sang, 37, master of Hop Sing Shop, No. 50, Tang Lung Street, ground floor.

It was alleged that defendant stole the motor and uttered a forged receipt note for \$50 in the name of the shop.

Pleading not guilty to both charges, defendant was remanded for 48 hours.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison is in charge of the case.

PICKPOCKET CONVICTED

So Shing, 34, unemployed, was sentenced by Mr. Lowry yesterday to three months' hard labour for stealing a fountain pen, valued at \$10, from a 21-year-old student, Lui Chung-ning, in Queen's Road Central, near Central Market, on Apr. 14.

Defendant admitted two previous convictions.

Insp. W. Mahe prosecuted.

CONVICTION REGISTERED

For stealing a bicycle belonging to G. H. Kikaboy, shop keeper, from outside his shop at No. 9A, Morrison Hill Road on Apr. 13, Ho Yau, 18, unemployed, was sentenced by Mr. Lowry yesterday to six weeks' hard labour.

Insp. F. J. Portallion said that the Police upon receipt of the theft, arrested defendant on information and located the vehicle in a piece of vacant ground.

It was stated that defendant had one previous conviction.

MARRIED TO CHINESE

A Japanese woman who claimed she was married to a Chinese official for 20 years appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday on a charge of breach of the Alien Registration Ordinance.

She was Ko Ohmori, 39, residing at No. 10, Luard Road, first floor, and was alleged to have failed to report to the Registration of Persons Office of her presence in the Colony within 48 hours of her arrival on Mar. 22.

Sgt. Mann of the S.B., said that defendant was considered a Japanese subject and she was not of the Chinese race. On this ground defendant was refused permission to land once last December, although she had been in and out of the Colony during the past two years.

Defendant said that she had been naturalised as a Chinese subject and had wired to Chungking for her naturalisation papers.

The case was adjourned for a week.

WANTON JAPANESE AIR ATTACKS

SOMEWHERE IN SOUTH ANHWEI, April 15 (Central)—Three Japanese planes raided Shihai on the south bank of the Yangtze River in south Anhwei, south-east of Chungking, yesterday morning. They dropped more than 10 bombs, wrecking several civilian houses.

Following the bombing on April 11, Japanese aircraft made another wanton attack on Shanghai yesterday. Bombs were dropped indiscriminately in the suburban district, causing no damage.

AT KOWLOON

BURGLAR GAOLED

A year's hard labour was imposed by Mr. D. N. Anderson yesterday on Li Fuk, 30, who was charged with burglary and breach of a deportation order.

Defendant gained entrance, in to No. 26 Pan Cheong Street, by climbing over a low wall into the yard. He removed a pane of glass on the window and went into the kitchen and stole 11 chickens and six chickens.

Sgt. Moss prosecuted.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Charged with manslaughter of an unknown Chinese at No. 7, Cheung On Street, Kowloon City, four foks of a tea-house, Chan Tak, 29, Cheng Chan-leung, 20, Chan Ming-lap, 21, and Chung Yu-shung, 20, appeared before Mr. Anderson yesterday for another remand of one week.

Chief Det.-Insp. Carey was in charge of the case.

SIX WOMEN FINED

For breach of cholera regulations by collecting shell fish, six women were fined \$1 or 15 days' imprisonment by Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday.

Accused were 'Isol Kam-ho, 35, Lam Ho, 42, Cheng Sang, 27, Li Shu, 33, Leung Kum, 36, and Chan Ping-ching, 34, who were arrested on Monday afternoon at Cheungshawan beach where they were collecting shell fish.

Sgt. Aitken was in charge of the case.

JUNK ROBBERY ALLEGED

Alleged to have ransacked a trading junk in Colonial waters and stolen a cargo, including a large quantity of kerosene, Kwok Sik-lim, 23, and Ho Tim, 33, fishermen, were charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday with robbery by two or more.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. A. F. Estall said that the junk was registered in Hongkong No. T1387H and set sail for Sha Ching, Ha Kong, with a cargo on Mar. 18.

The boat anchored at Tsun Wan the following day and the same evening sailed for Tung Chung where they waited for the wind until April 22.

About 6 p.m. the same day the junk proceeded and after five hours' sailing arrived about one mile south of Tung Kee Light-house, when a strange boat drew alongside. A few shots were fired at the junk which replied. The crew of the junk were overcome and ordered to go into the hold.

When they heard nothing from the deck a long time afterwards, the crew came on deck and found the cargo gone.

The junk returned to the Colony and made a report to No. 3 Police launch.

Defendants were later arrested. Sgt. J.A.R. May, who was in charge of the Police launch testi-

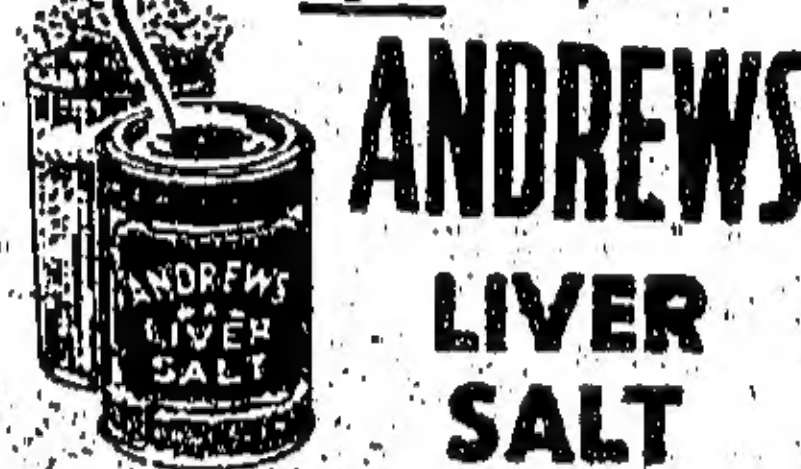
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COMING SOON



TO THE LEE THEATRE

It is stated that the robbery occurred in the British waters. Hearing was adjourned to tomorrow.

Soviet-Japanese Pact Prominently Featured In Washington Press

Leading metropolitan newspapers banner-lined the reports of the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact which even eclipsed the news of the German drive into Yugoslavia.

So far the White House and the State Department are maintaining a complete silence on the new agreement, explaining that they had not the details of the provisions and no official word of its conclusion. It is indicated that comment can be forthcoming pending receipt of an official report and a detailed study of the clauses and their significance and potentialities.

The first unofficial reactions in Washington Press circles likened the accord to the 1939 German-Soviet Pact, adding that Japan might now consider her "back door" comparatively secure and will feel freer to move Southward.

HAD REASON

THE WASHINGTON POST, unquoting unnamed diplomatic quarters, stated that Russia undoubtedly had reason for signing the pact but merely further Japanese expansion could hardly be construed as the objective sought or even condoned, complacently by Moscow. The same source pointed out that Russia in signing the accord had her eyes more upon Europe than upon Asia as Moscow is giving greater thought to the menace which the spreading Nazi force offers to her own interests. It is emphasised that the immediate value to Russia of the Japanese pledge to respect the "territorial inviolability" of Russian territory is nil, as without the pact Russia has not feared any Japanese attack upon her rear to coincide with the German drive against Ukraine.

Manila Conference "Incidental"

BATAVIA, Apr. 15 (Reuter)—Mr. H. Rittman, head of the Government Information Bureau who took part in the recent meeting in Manila of the Netherlands, East Indies Foreign and Colonial secretaries with Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, British Commander-in-Chief, Far East, emphasised in an interview that the meeting was of a "purely incidental" character and not a formal "conference of powers" as the press had inferred.

CHURCHILL USES VAST POWERS WARILY

(BY RAYMOND DANIELL)

LONDON.—The chief difference between the powers Prime Minister Churchill holds and those President Roosevelt is seeking lies in the difference inherent in the British and American governmental systems. The powers Mr. Churchill wields are his to use only so long as he uses them in such a way as to please the Parliament and people of his country. That's why among other reasons, the British, faced with a crisis in their affairs, so willingly and cheerfully gave up so many of their vital rights, and it goes far toward explaining the paradox of why this country remains a free democracy although led by a man with all the powers of the dictators of totalitarian States.

DANISH ENVOY TO U.S. DEFIES RECALL ORDER BY COPENHAGEN

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Henrik de Kauffman, Danish Minister in Washington, has formally advised the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, of his refusal to recognize his recall by the Copenhagen Government.

Mr. de Kauffman signed an agreement in Washington on Wednesday placing Greenland under the protection of the United States Government and giving America the right to establish air-bases there.

The Danish Foreign Office in German-occupied Copenhagen ordered him to return to Denmark after acknowledging receipt of his report on the signing of the agreement.

Mr. de Kauffman had previously acquiesced in President Roosevelt's plan to purchase Danish ships in United States ports which are being held in United States custody.

ORDERS IGNORED

Mr. de Kauffman declared that he had not notified the Danish Government in advance of his intention to sign the Greenland agreement. He added that he had ignored orders from Copenhagen to lodge a protest with the United States Government against the seizure of Danish ships.

The United States has refused to recognize the Danish Government's action in recalling Mr. de Kauffman and has notified the latter that he will continue to be considered as the duly authorized Danish Minister in Washington.

NEW AMERICAN BOMBERS

RECORDS BROKEN IN FLIGHT TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A number of new-type United States four-engine flying fortresses have reached Britain from the United States, beating all records in their flight across the Atlantic, writes Reuter's Air correspondent.

They are known as Boeing B17C and are the first deliveries of this advanced type to be received by the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Shortly they will be flying alongside British and other types of United States four-engine bombers, to add further power to the growing weight of the R.A.F. bombing offensive.

The new Boeing is a development of the first flying fortress from Boeing's Seattle factory and incorporates an important advancement.

HEAVY BOMB LOAD
Though not the latest of the later models, its four Wright Cyclone engines, each of 1,200 h.p., give it a speed of 300 miles an hour at 25,000 feet while at 220 miles an hour, it has a range of 2,450 miles, which would enable it to fly from Britain as far as Arctic Norway, the eastern border of pre-war Poland or the heel of Italy and back. It can carry a very heavy bomb load.

Fifteen and a half feet high and 68 feet long and with a wing-span of over 100 feet it carries a crew of seven to nine.

NAZIS BOMB MALTA ON EASTER SUNDAY

MALTA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A large number of German aircraft dropped many bombs when flying over Malta in waves during Sunday night.

In one area, a few civilian houses were demolished but no casualties. In other areas there was slight damage.

An enemy offensive reconnaissance was made yesterday but no bombs were dropped.

War Office Communique

MARKED ACTIVITY IN GREECE

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A War Office communique just issued announces as follows:

"Greece.—During Saturday night, our forces withdrew to new positions. Our covering troops inflicted severe casualties on the enemy who maintained a continuous pressure on our eastern sector during this withdrawal.

"There is marked activity on the right of our line but there have been no serious clashes. In the centre of our sector, persistent German attacks failed largely owing to our vigorous artillery fire. The weather is extremely cold with snow.

"Libya.—This (Monday) morning, enemy infantry, supported by tanks, launched an attack on Tobruk. At one point, about 20 tanks crossed the outer defences. An immediate counter-attack was launched by our tanks, as the result of which the enemy were ejected after sustaining very severe losses in both tanks and personnel. The situation has been completely restored.

"Our troops are in contact with and have inflicted considerable casualties on advanced enemy detachments in the vicinity of Sollum.

"Abyssinia.—Our pursuit of the beaten and disorganized enemy is continuing. Many prisoners are still coming in, including a divisional commander and a Brigade commander."

Italian Soldiers To Police France

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Italian troops in large numbers are reported to be replacing German troops in occupied France.

An important contingent has already arrived at Angers in Western France and it is planned to send 40,000 Italians to occupy Paris, declares the Independent French agency, but no Italian troops will be entrusted with coast protection.

It is also understood that the Armistice Commission has ended its sessions at Wiesbaden and will henceforth function in Paris, to which many of its departments are already transferred.

Japanese Aircraft Cannot Match U.S., British Or Italian

WASHINGTON, (By Clipper).—The Japanese have not one home-built warplane that could stand up for three minutes to a frontline equivalent from the United States, Britain, Germany, or even Italy or Russia, in the opinion of Capt. H. C. Blard, British air ace.

Capt. Blard, who has made a study of the growth of air power in the leading countries for the last 30 years, said that the best of the Japanese planes is only of "half-breed."

Continuing, Capt. Blard said: "The Aichi flying boat is claimed by the Japanese press to be able to blot out anyone who offers opposition to the 'new order' in Eastern Asia. The Aichi is Japanese-built, but powered with French Lorraine which are good of their kind but would look like yesterday's beer against the British Sunderland or the American Curtiss-Wright flying boats.

"The Kawanishi 94's is also powered with Lorraine. They are good stuff for war in China but cannot work against the frontline deck-fighters, eight-gun land planes or the 'Chicago Piano' armaments of big power battle-ships.

VERY BIG BOAT

"The Kawanishi 92 is a very big boat with three 800-horse power engines. The engines are imported. This machine carries six men and a heavy bombard, but it is not fast as we know speed, its armament is second-class, its maneuverability not up to modern requirements.

"The Mitsubishi Co. of Tokyo builds fighters, bombers, deck-

or sending an expeditionary force against the Italians in Libya. If the war is won or lost it will be his glory or his reproach, for while Parliament has power to oust him from office it is unlikely to do so for several reasons. One is that he knows the temper of his own people. He is not likely to go too far in using the powers they have given and can take away. Another, perhaps stronger, reason is that if Mr. Churchill went there is no one in sight to take his place. (Japan Chronicle).

WAR MATERIALS ARE MORE ESSENTIAL NOW THAN HUMAN HELP

OTTAWA, April 2.—Circles close to the war scene on Parliament Hill realize that behind the Canadian government's sudden abandonment of the 30-day military training scheme for youth lies the story of Britain's urgent need for every kind of war material.

It is no secret here that that story was told in full and careful detail to Defense Minister J. I. Ralston and Supply Minister C. D. Howe on their recent visit overseas.

It is equally well known that it is as a direct result of representations made to the Canadian ministers that the federal war cabinet has placed industry in the driver's seat of the war effort, taking steps to see that no plan of compulsory military training is followed that might prejudice output.

WANT WAR MATERIALS

Two main points are understood to have been stressed by United Kingdom authorities to the recent missions.

The first is that, although men trained and equipped would be welcome untrained men are not wanted in Britain now. The second is that war materials of every kind are wanted urgently.

Obviously, Canada's scheme of 30-day compulsory training could not furnish the trained men which Britain is prepared to welcome. Equally obviously, as testified by strenuous protests from manufacturers in all parts of the dominion, it was threatening substantial interferences with war production.

Hence the speedy decision of the war cabinet to scrap the scheme when the Canadian ministers reported their conversations overseas.

CHANGE OF POLICY

This is the explanation of the government's change of policy which well-informed federal circles credit. It is only fair to say, however, that it is at variance with one of the possibly greater interests which Conservative quarters favour.

The Tories suggest the abandonment of the 30-day clause is the result of the defeat which War Service Minister J. G. Gardiner suffered at the hands of his colleagues. A believer in the ultimate importance of manpower in the war, Gardiner has been insisting that the training scheme should

In the second place, from the fact of their youth, those affected by the new policy either will be those who have not entered industry or have not achieved key posts in it.

90,000 A YEAR

Finally, in the last several weeks the ministry of war services has been suggesting to industry that it should be training workers to be substituted for those whom the 30-day plan would take as it worked up through the higher age groups. It will be unnecessary now for industry to take this step.

Generally speaking, it is the government's expectation that approximately 90,000 young men will move into the 21-year-old age group annually. There is the suggestion in informed circles that the medical standards may be made more rigid for the four-month plan and that the percentage of those certified physically fit therefore will be lower.

The understanding is that the government counts on getting no more than 72,000 trainees a year under the plan.



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Pittsburg, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The United States Steel Corporation has averted a strike called by the Trade Union Congress of Industrial organizations for tonight by granting a wage increase of 10 cents an hour and more liberal holidays to its 240,000 employees.

The increase dates retrospectively from April 1.

The new hourly rate will give the employee a weekly increase of about four dollars.

NEW ITALIAN NOTE TO UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Italy delivered a new Note yesterday to the United States Government protesting against the seizure of Italian ships.

Details of the Note are not published but an Italian official said that it further explained the Italian viewpoint regarding the seizure of the ships.

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SUWA MARU Saturday, 26th Apr.
SAIGON
MATUE MARU Thursday, 24th Apr.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.
GENOA MARU Monday, 18th Apr.
RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore
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DEPARTURE OF QUO TAI-CHI REGRETTED

Another sojourner to leave us soon is the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Quo Tai-chi, wrote Atticus in the SUNDAY TIMES.

"We shall," said Atticus, "miss his cultured irony, his ageless quality, his patience with the pranks of men and his sense of centuries."

"He is never flustered, never impatient, and never sluggish. Whenever I have spent an hour in his company, I have made a firm resolve to spend my declining years in China on the edge of a tiny river with trees making a willow pattern upon the water and my only companion will be an ancient Chinese philosopher who would also boil rice."

The busiest man I have met in London during the week is the Chinese Ambassador, wrote Mr. Tom Clarke in the REYNOLDS after an interview.

Said he: "The Ambassador had a hard time as could come to any diplomat, maintaining his clam and unembittered attitude here, for throughout his whole stay, his country has been suffering from the ravages of the Japanese invaders and the dilly-dally of the Western Democracies in facing up facts in the Far East."

"But dawn is at hand. He is returning to China a happier man. China's struggle against the dictators is no longer regarded as a far-away and isolated affair but a part and parcel of the world-conflict between right and wrong. I am uplifted by his patient confidence in the future of China and in the triumph of the United Freedom-loving peoples. When I asked him for a farewell message for Britain, he thought for a moment, then said 'I have never doubted.'"

(Central News)

CO-OPERATION TO SAVE PINE INDUSTRY

The opinion that there was lack of co-operation to revive the important Malayan pineapple trade was expressed by Mr. J. E. Dawson at the annual general meeting of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce recently.

"I know that certain consultations have been held and steps taken or projected, but I have the impression that there is a lack of real co-operation and scheme by which this business will not only be kept alive but will be made healthier," he declared.

NOT DISAPPEARED

He stated that the difficulties to which he referred at the half-yearly meeting, although temporarily alleviated by arrangements made with the Ministries in England, had not disappeared. "The future of this important business remains gloomy."

"It is a very serious thing to see an industry which employs peasants and other workers amounting to thousands and in which a considerable amount of capital is invested, in jeopardy."

"The value of the pineapple export is, I need not remind you, well over a million sterling, and its future should be a matter of very great concern to the Governments concerned, namely, of Johore, of Selangor and of this Colony."

RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO., LTD.

Report for four weeks ended March 29, 1941 (Period 570):—

DEVELOPMENTS

Development footages for the Period amounted to 1037 feet.

Raub Hole Section

283 Feet Development: No. 6 level is dewatered but still requires cleaning. There has been an increase in rising footages and though there have been no spectacular results they have on the whole been satisfactory.

Anderson Section

82 Feet Development: Half was composed of driving for the purpose of connecting to No. 2 level Bukit Hitam and the other a connection between Nos. 3 and 4 levels.

Bukit Koman Section

247 Feet Development: Again the most satisfactory results were obtained from above No. 6 level.

Derrick Section

328 Feet Development: Mullock transfer pass is now nearly complete from the surface to No. 5 level. Development consisted mostly of connections between workings, but included some satisfactory work between Nos. 5 and 6 levels.

Malacca Section

117 Feet Development: Again the work on No. 24 level was satisfactory.

MINING

A total of 7,247 tons was mined and treated during the period. The grade improved at Anderson, Bukit Koman and Derrick and Malacca but was mostly offset by reduced tonnages from the first three. Raub Hole 3522 tons; Anderson 396 tons; Bukit Koman 1,399 tons; Derrick 1,344 tons; and Malacca 586 tons.

The alteration in tonnages as between sections is due mainly to a partial reorganisation made necessary to concentrate work in as few places as possible, by the lack of supervision available, due to embodiment.

ORE TREATMENT PLANT

Battery

Ore crushed 7,247 tons; Residue to retreatment 7,011 tons; Residue to storage 238 tons.

Retreatment Plant

Tailings Treated: Current tailings 7,011 tons; Bt. Koman Dump tailings 3,226 tons; Raub Hole Dump tailings 849 tons. Total: 11,086 tons.

GOLD SHIPMENT

Battery: 844.81 Bullion Ozs.; 800.38 Fine Au Ozs.; Retreatment: 720.40 Bullion Ozs.; 608.21 Fine Au Ozs.; Total: 1565.21 Bullion Ozs.; 1408.59 Fine Au Ozs.

GENERAL

The reduced ore grade, and consequent drop in gold production, is due mainly to the staff shortage resulting from military requirements during the Embodiment, aggravated by some sickness amongst those left. The tonnage mined and treated was not adversely affected by these difficulties, but ore grade cannot be maintained or controlled without constant European supervision. During most of the period covered by this report the underground and mill staff available was only one third of normal, with which full time supervision is of course impossible.

Passive and local defence practices have been continued regularly and successfully, and a further 428 feet of underground shelters were completed. In addition, the underground strongroom excavation has been continued.

MORE MEN FOR CHINA'S CIVIL SERVICE

The recent announcement of 192 successful participants in the 1940 higher state examination indicates another step toward the creation of a civil service in the country.

Since the revival in 1931 of the age-old Chinese practice of picking government officials through competitive examinations, the services of 1,015 persons, have been made available for government offices. They represent new blood in the body of Chinese administration.

Unlike the examinations held in the days of the Chinese Empire, which placed an excessive premium on knowledge of history, classics and calligraphy, the present-day tests are diversified in nature. For instance, the 192 new candidates have qualified themselves in nine categories: general administration, judiciary, education, diplomatic and consular service, public finance, public health, accounting and auditing, statistics and economics.

ANOTHER PERIOD

Before their appointment to actual posts, however, all will undergo another period of training in the Central Training Institute, which turns out civil servants just as the Central Military Academy turns out a steady flow of junior officers for the army. The recent examination was called the preliminary one because the candidates are required to pass another advanced examination while at school. During training, they will be provided with free food and lodging plus some pocket money every month.

In addition there are 111 others chosen for postal service. Successful candidates in this group need not undergo further training. Instead, they are at once assigned to work by the Ministry of Communications.

Showing the importance attached to state examinations as a way of selecting qualified persons for government service, a separate yuan under the National Government is devoted to this task. Headed by Mr. Tai Chi-tao, a veteran Kuomintang statesman, the Examination Yuan is on the same footing with the Executive, Legislative, Judicial and Control Yuan. Each year, a committee is appointed to take charge.—(C.I.C.)

CHUNGKING, April 15 (Central)—A Japanese army officer committed harakiri at Tashan in south Shansi on April 2 after scribbling anti-war slogans on the city wall.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 16 to 22 Apr. 1941.

Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed. 16	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
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Thu. 17	02 14	7 0	06 12	1 1	
	02 14	4 8	06 07	3 6	
Fri. 18	12 54	6 8	20 18	1 5	
	03 34	4 4	06 44	3 9	
Sat. 19	13 57	6 3	21 37	1 6	
	05 07	4 4	07 37	1 9	
Sun. 20	15 17	5 9	22 54	1 9	
	06 23	4 6	08 47	3 3	
Mon. 21	16 46	5 6	23 54	9	
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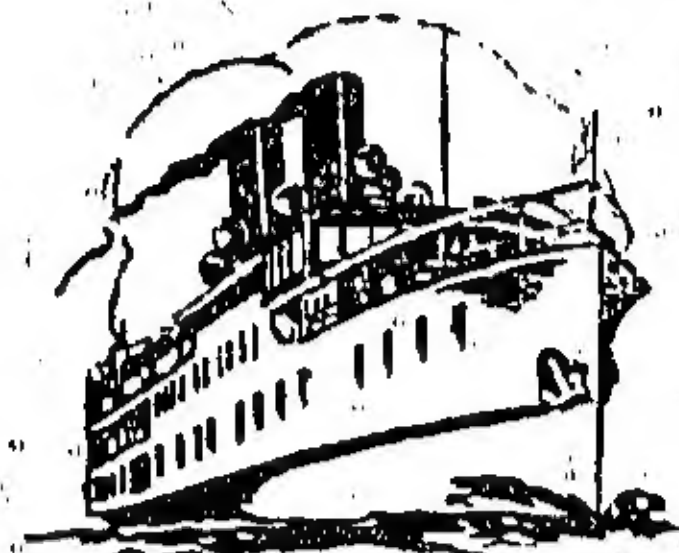
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HOME SOCCER FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The following are the Home football fixtures for Saturday:—

WAR CUP

Semi-finals (first half)
Arsenal v. Leicester City; Preston v. Newcastle

LONDON CUP

Chelsea v. Fulham; Queen's P. R. v. Crystal Palace; Clapton O. v. West Ham; Reading v. Tottenham.

LEAGUE SOUTH

Brighton v. Southampton; Norwich v. Watford; Portsmouth v. Bournemouth; Southend v. Luton.

SOUTH REGIONAL

Brantford v. Millwall; Walsall v. Mansfield; West Brom. v. Northampton.

NORTH REGIONAL

Barnsley v. Middlesbrough; Blackpool v. Oldham; Burnley v. Halifax; Bury v. Huddersfield; Chesterfield v. Everton; Crewe v. New Brighton; Grimsby v. Rotherham; Lincoln v. Bradford; Manchester City v. Wrexham; Rochdale v. Bolton; Sheffield Wed. v. Notts Forest; Southport v. Tranmere.

REGIONAL MATCH

Notts County v. Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE CUP

Semi-final
Chester v. Manchester U.

SCOTTISH CUP

Semi-finals
Celtic v. Hearts; Rangers v. St. Mirren.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Airdrieonians v. Third Lanark; Albion v. Morton.

FRIENDLY MATCH

Football League XI v. All-English XI.

CHESS UPSET

Another upset was caused in the Colony Junior Chess championship at the Peninsula Hotel last night when J. Tausz defeated A. Kurrik.

In the only other game played J. Grefalda drew with To Yu-lau.

Present standings are:—
A.Y. Brinkoff, 6½ pts., Un Kwai-yung 5, J. Grefalda 5, A. Kurrik 4, To Yu-lau 4, J. Tausz 4, R.C. Danenberg 3½, V.V. Kolachoff 3, E.M. Petrov 2½, Wm. Lee 2, A. Morton 1, R.C. Gardner 0, J.H.D. Almeida 0.

CO-ORDINATION OF POLICE WORK

Another big step towards co-ordinating Police work in Malaya in the event of an emergency has been taken following regulations already enforced in the Federated Malay States.

Regulations granting permission to members of the Police forces of other States and Settlements to serve in the State, provided that the State Commissioner of Police concurs thereto, have just been enforced in Johore.

Similar regulations may be enforced in the Colony and other Unfederated Malay States as well.

By the regulations enforced in Johore, members of the Police forces of the Colony, F.M.S. and any Unfederated Malay States are permitted to serve in the State of Johore.

The regulations also empower the senior Police Officer present in any part of the State to order any members of the Johore Police Force to proceed and serve in any part of the Malay Peninsula or the Colony. (Malaya Tribune).

"HERBERT" DIVORCE ACT FOR SINGAPORE

The new divorce law introduced in England known as the "Herbert" Act is to be introduced in Singapore shortly as a result of a Bill published in the Gazette.

The most important provisions of the Bill are contained in clauses 2 and 3. Under Clause 2 no petition for dissolution of marriage shall be presented to the court unless at the date of the presentation of the petition three years have passed since the date of the marriage, barring cases of exceptional hardship suffered by the petitioner or of exceptional depravity on the part of the respondent.

Under Clause 3 it is stated that any husband may present a petition for the dissolution of his marriage with his wife on the ground of her adultery, or desertion for a period of at least three years, or cruelty to the petitioner.



Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, President of the H.K.F.A., speaking at the S.C.A.A. celebration dinner at the Ying King Restaurant on Monday night. (Sun King Ming Studio).

Rice Prices Must Be Controlled Quickly

"Unless Government do something quickly, the rice situation will be worse than before the introduction of price control," said an official of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce when interviewed by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday.

"Since the article which appeared in your issue of Good Friday, the prices have again been increased until what was selling on that day at 7 cabbies to a dollar is being sold today at six and a half cabbies. The latter price is, I think, higher than the maximum fixed by Government."

"We hope that the reports which appeared in this morning's Chinese newspapers are correct—that Government would take drastic actions within the next two days."

MARKET EASIER

Asked as to how he found the freewheeling situation, he stated that the market is very much easier—thanks to the prompt and effective measures adopted by the S. Stores Controller.

"We hope that the Controller of Stores would be able to further reduce prices in the not-too-distant future. Since his latest announcement as to what action his department would take against profiteers we have not received any more complaints about 'black markets,'" said the official interviewed.

JOCKEY CLUB CLASSIFICATION ALTERATIONS

The following are the latest alterations and additions to the Classification Lists of the Hongkong Jockey Club issued on March 23, 1941:—

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

"B" Class:—"Catterick Bridge," "Fresh Air," "Hole in One," "Joan," "Lancashire Chips," "Man-o'-War," "National Courage," "The Nineteenth Hole," "Wayworth."

"C" Class:—"A Bloksom Time," "A Just Time," "Amusement Tax," "Anzac Day," "Battle," "Castle Hill," "Corriedoo," "Flying Fortress," "Gold Rod," "Iron Belle," "King's Welcome," "Linda," "Longdon," "Vanguard," "Willow," "Zadlerday."

"D" Class:—"Dignitas," "Graceful View," "Lodestar," "Red Rabbit" (all demoted).

"E" Class:—"Juliette" (new), "Macy," "Starlight View," "Sydney Diamond," "Tobaccochip," "Vigor" (all demoted).

CHINA PONIES

"B" Class:—"So Nice," "Wonderful Scheme," "Oscar Zylch" (new).

"C" Class:—"Comph," "Promoted," "Demoted."

LACK OF FUNDS FOR MISSIONARY WORK

At the annual meeting of the Singapore Diocesan Association, held at the Chapter House, a message of welcome was addressed to the new Bishop of Singapore, the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, of St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.

The Ven. Archdeacon Graham White, who presided, said that arrangements for this year were going to be more difficult than in 1940.

The Rev. J. D. Hall, Chaplain of Selangor, one of the most senior learned priests, would be leaving Malaya in May and the Rev. R.C. Moore, from Java would take his place.

The Rev. H. J. Paine, of Penang, would also be leaving shortly. The Archdeacon added that there would be a vacancy in Java too.

The position of the Church in Bangkok was very precarious, he said, and by the end of the month the girls' school there would be closed, down and only the chapel would remain.

From the \$50,000 paid by Government for the old St. Andrew's School buildings, \$15,000 each, was paid to Christ Church and Holy Trinity Church.

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He continued: "We speak of the Church of England and we are apt to think of it as the ecclesiastical church. We know that our cathedral and several of the older churches were built by the East India Company or by the local Government and stand on Crown or State land."

"We know that the fabric is maintained by Government and until recent years, the Colonial Chaplain was on the civil establishment, and that when 'official' services are required by the civil authorities, they are held in our churches."

"These are facts which afford reasons for the supposition of an established church, but they are mostly due to that very common characteristic of Englishmen and their institutions, namely, 'historical survival.'"

Mr. Worley added: "It is abundantly clear that the royal power to create bishoprics overseas and to appoint bishops to this or any other overseas diocese has fallen into desuetude."

"We can, therefore, regard the church throughout Malaya as a homogeneous, voluntary, or disestablished or non-established association of those persons who accept the doctrines and faith of

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL, 1941.

On Thursday, 17th April, the General Post Office will be closed at 6.00 p.m.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

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INWARD AIR MAILS

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	Ord. 4.30 PM
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	Ord. 5.30 PM
SATURDAY	Sat. 20th
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	Ord. 5.30 PM
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BRITAIN'S "ROOF-SPOTTERS"

Britain's "roof-spotters" now attend special classes in order to help them in their task of distinguishing British, German and Italian planes at a glance.

There is no short cut in this aircraft recognition.

To be complete and effective, it demands a close acquaintance with the chief characteristics of nearly one hundred types of aeroplanes. Rooftop watchers are instructed not to try to learn these differences by heart but to examine one aeroplane after another in plan, side elevation and head on view.

After a short while slight differences which would have escaped notice before assume larger proportions and begin to stand out as recognisable features.

Speed in relation to their apparent size quickly settles which category approaching planes belong to—trainer, fighter, bomber.

NO QUICK METHOD

However, there is yet no quick method of becoming a "spotter." No grouping scheme has been evolved whereby one can class together, say, German bomber, with some clearly defined feature common to them only.

To a prospective recruit it seems a very tall order, but to the many youngsters who are awaiting entry into the R.A.F. as pilots and air crews, the accumulation of such information is neither irksome nor arduous.

Every "student" attains proficiency first in acquainting himself with looking and noting the special characteristics, and combinations of features which are visible from the "roof-top."

the Church of England and are voluntarily subject to the authority of the Bishop and the metropolitan authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

SIR IAN COLQUHOUN

LONDON, April 15 (BWS).—His Majesty the King has approved Sir Ian Colquhoun to be appointed Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Sir Ian, who is Chief of his clan and former Lord Rector of Glasgow University, was Lord High Commissioner at last year's assembly and also in 1932.

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